



Quarterly Council Member Department and Agency Updates

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California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Hispanic Heritage Month	September 2025	Please join Cal ICH as we recognize September as Hispanic Heritage Month. We invite Councilmembers to help amplify the voices and experiences of Latino Californians, who are both overrepresented in homelessness and underrepresented in housing opportunities. We will spend the month spotlighting solutions that honor cultural resilience and advance housing equity.
Listen and Learn “Tribes and CoC’s: Partnerships and Point in Time Counts (PIT)”	September 4 th 10:30-12pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/join/91258600000?pwd=Q0ZlR0RSTSHQ6jQBuE3Tg#/registration
Bullying Prevention Month	October 2025	Please join Cal ICH as we recognize October as Bullying Prevention Month. We invite Councilmembers to recognize NIMBY-ism for what it often is: a form of bullying that denies safety, belonging, and housing to our fellow Californians. We will spend the month uplifting communities that are ensuring housing and homelessness resources are equitably distributed and rooted in belonging.
HDIS Connect	October 8 th 11am - 12pm	
Native American Heritage Month	November 2025	Please join Cal ICH as we recognize November as Native American Heritage Month. We invite Councilmembers to help amplify the voices and priorities of Tribal communities, who face some of the highest rates of homelessness in California despite generations of cultural resilience and strength. We will spend the month spotlighting Native-led housing solutions that honor Tribal sovereignty and advance housing equity.
Quarterly Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting	November 5 th 1-3pm	
2025 in Review	December 2025	Please join Cal ICH as we recognize December as a time of reflection and celebration. We invite Councilmembers to help uplift the progress made across California in 2025; from expanding housing access to strengthening systems that prevent and end homelessness. We will spend the month spotlighting the people, partnerships, and policy wins that moved us closer to a future where every Californian has a safe place to call home.
Quarterly Council Meeting	December 3 rd 1-4pm	

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity	Activity	Update
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2.A.14	Develop policies, procedures, and recommendations on how to effectively coordinate the work to prevent and end homelessness in California through the convening of quarterly Council and Advisory Committee (AC) meetings.	Cal ICH welcomed a new Advisory Committee cohort which started in July 2025. Their first meeting was held August 6 and was an introductory format. Please find the recording on this webpage: https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/meetings/
2.A.15	Regularly collaborate with state partners to provide resources and guidance on their work to prevent and end homelessness. Develop Understanding of the barriers state partners face in implementing homelessness programs effectively and elevate to the Council.	Cal ICH staff are meeting monthly with Council department staff to discuss relevant strategic investments and action items from the Action Plan. Discussions focus on measuring outcomes, defining success for different initiatives, and opportunities for support or improvement. Cal ICH's Tribal Liaison meets with Council department staff on an as needed bases to advise on Tribal specific matters.
2.C.26	Align state funding and program elements such as definitions, timelines, and reporting requirements, across departments and agencies in order to reduce administrative burden on applicants.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help build on that foundation to move the work forward.
2.C.27	Assess and monitor compliance with California Housing First statute for state-funded programs among Council departments and agencies.	Cal ICH has administered a Housing First survey to Council Member Departments funding or administering programs that address homelessness to assess compliance with the State's Housing First statute (WIC Section 8255-8256). This assessment follows up from the 2024 Housing First survey. There are currently 37 programs across 8 agencies and departments required to implement the Housing First statute. Cal ICH staff are assessing the survey responses and developing recommendations for individual departments to be fully compliant and strengthen Housing First within program guidance and information. Cal ICH will be working with state partners to understand their compliance and the areas where they may need support.
2.C.28	Maintain the Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar to serve as a resource for system partners to stay up to date with state department hosted webinars and meetings,	Cal ICH continues to maintain a Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar and a Tribal Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar. Cal ICH

	technical assistance offerings, and trainings to increase coordination and information sharing of the state's activities.	continues to look for ways to improve the usability of these calendars and to expand the information included in these calendars, including funding information, as required by AB 799.
2.C.29	Develop and maintain a strategic funding guide and calendar of new or existing funding opportunities from departments and agencies administering state homelessness programs, in compliance with AB 799 (L. Rivas, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2024), to ensure eligible applicants are informed of available funding opportunities.	Cal ICH is in the process of updating a new digital strategic funding guide and plans on reviewing key data fields with relevant departments before launching the new guide.
2.C.37	Develop resources with Council member departments and agencies to help foster partnerships and support coordination across systems of care at the local level.	No update this quarter.
3.A.1	Facilitate the Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) to inform decisions of the Council and provide guidance to its member departments and agencies.	Cal ICH continues to facilitate the LEAB, which holds monthly meetings to inform decisions of the Council and provide guidance to its member departments and agencies. During this last quarter, the LEAB continued to provide input and guidance to Cal ICH staff on Housing First implementation. As of August 2025, two LEAB members serve as members of the Advisory Committee and regularly present at Council meetings.
3.B.10	Develop a Tribal advisory group with expertise on the needs of Tribal communities to create recommendations for addressing their specific needs in preventing and ending homelessness.	Cal ICH sent a Tribal Survey to all Cal ICH Member Departments and Agencies on July 11, 2025. This survey included an inquiry into the capacity to support the work of a Tribal Advisory Group at Cal ICH. Cal ICH is awaiting responses to the survey from Member Departments and Agencies.
3.C.23	Work with local partners to understand barriers to effective implementation of Housing First practices. Create guidance for state policymakers and provide best practices to help overcome those barriers.	Cal ICH has created the Guide to California's Housing First Law for state and local partners to understand the purpose of Housing First and the requirements stated in the State Statute. Cal ICH conducted formal tribal consultation with all California Tribes on Housing First Core Components and technical assistance. Cal ICH has also conducted presentations on the state's role in Housing First to community members and received feedback on areas the state could best support local communities. Cal ICH staff have also been working with the Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board to get input on what is needed for each of the Housing First core components to be

		implemented successfully. This input will inform future Housing First guidance from Cal ICH.
3.C.25	Coordinate the Strategies, Tools, and Emergency Preparedness for Unsheltered Populations group in coordination with the Priority Populations Task Force to ensure inclusion of people experiencing homelessness in disaster response efforts. Support local jurisdictions in planning for future emergencies affecting people experiencing homelessness by developing a toolkit for leaders on the best practices and resources available for serving this population.	Cal ICH continues to facilitate the STEP-UP group on a monthly basis. Work progresses on developing a 4-part recorded webinar series highlighting the HEART Toolkit. The introductory webinar was released in June and the remaining three will be released in the coming months. Additionally, the STEP-UP group is working on developing “spotlight documents” that are meant for specific audiences such as CoC’s or Emergency Managers, that pulls together the key considerations for actions needed to support people experiencing homelessness in planning for future disasters and emergencies. Meeting cadence will be assessed after completion of the webinar series.
3.C.32	Facilitate knowledge sharing between Continuums of Care and present best practices for HMIS data management and collection through HDIS Connect sessions.	<p>Cal ICH presented its eighth stakeholder engagement session for local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administrators in its HDIS Connect Series. This session (held in June 2025) provided a high-level overview of the new CA SPMs Business Logic Guide and included a brief discussion on the distinctions between this guide and the CA SPMs Guide.</p> <p>In the ninth HDIS Connect Session held in August, Cal ICH demonstrated a new version of the CoC Data Quality Tool and highlighted how it can be used to identify and correct data errors. Cal ICH also highlighted key findings and insights from statewide listening sessions with CoCs and highlighted best practices to help CoCs assess and improve their data quality.</p> <p>Cal ICH will continue to develop relationships with HMIS administrators through bi-monthly HDIS Connect workshops. The next workshop is scheduled on October 8, 2025. This session will provide an overview of Cal ICH’s newly developed SB 914 HELP Act Dashboard.</p>

3.C.33	Facilitate opportunities for collaboration across local jurisdictions, Continuums of Care, and Tribal partners to expand knowledge of current initiatives and share successful strategies to improve statewide outcomes.	Cal ICH continues to develop a Listen and Learn Series designed to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving across local jurisdictions. Cal ICH held three meetings with local jurisdictions to get their feedback and input on the design and content of these sessions and will be conducting the first session on including Tribes in PIT counts in September.
4.A.1	Provide technical assistance to state-funded programs addressing homelessness and their grantees that are required to comply with AB 977 (Gabriel, Chapter 397, Statutes of 2021) HMIS data entry requirements. Update AB 977 Data Summaries Dashboards so that state departments have insight into program trends and outcomes.	<p>Cal ICH continues to meet quarterly with AB 977 Administering Departments, providing ongoing TA and quarterly compliance monitoring reviews. Cal ICH has continued work to improve data tools supporting AB 977 compliance and overall HDIS data quality.</p> <p>On July 24th, Cal ICH released updates to the State Department Compliance Dashboards, AB 977 Data Summaries Dashboards, and HHAP, ERF, FHC Program Outcome Dashboard. State department staff have shown significant improvements in familiarity with AB 977 compliance and expertise in using Cal ICH-provided tools to engage with grantees. This has resulted in an increase in AB 977 compliance across state programs.</p>
4.A.2	Streamline data sharing with Council member departments and agencies by establishing policies and procedures.	<p>Cal ICH continues to transfer HDIS data to the Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII) within the Health and Human Services (HHS) Agency to support the creation of an integrated dataset with homelessness, social services, and health data.</p> <p>Cal ICH has developed a standardized Business Use Case Proposal (BUCP) template to help start the data sharing process with Council Member Departments. Please note that aggregated and de-identified data does not need a BUCP. Departments interested in pursuing a data sharing agreement with Cal ICH can reach out to HDIS@bcsh.ca.gov.</p>
4.A.4	Use McKinney-Vento data to document and understand the experiences of homelessness for youth in California schools.	No update this quarter.

4.B.8	Collect fiscal and outcome data from state departments and agencies administering state homelessness programs identified in an AB 799 (L. Rivas, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2024), beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-26, and make the data publicly available annually starting in 2027.	Cal ICH continues to engage in the development and implementation process to achieve statutory timelines for collecting fiscal and outcome data and continues to refine existing projects that already align with bill requirements such as a calendar for reporting state homelessness and a funding guide with information on housing and homelessness funding.
4.B.9	Manage quarterly data uploads and implement improvements to increase HDIS data quality and accuracy, including by providing tools, trainings, and technical assistance for Continuums of Care.	Cal ICH released HDIS data through March 31st, 2025, on the Public Dashboard, the CoC Dashboards, and to the state's Open Data Portal. Cal ICH conducted data quality focused listening sessions with CoCs, provided targeted technical assistance to CoCs, and continued to prioritize improvements to validation processes within HDIS.
4.C.19	Develop measures and goals for state-funded homelessness programs to end homelessness among unaccompanied youth, survivors of domestic violence and their children, and unaccompanied women in alignment with SB 914 (Rubio, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2022) and SB 918 (Wiener, Chapter 841, Statutes of 2018). Improve coordination between the homelessness response system, youth service providers, Victim Service Providers, and those populations experiencing homelessness.	Cal ICH published a dashboard to display progress towards goals in alignment with SB 914 (HELP Act). Cal ICH is also developing technical assistance materials to help communities improve cross-systems coordination to serve the populations named in SB 914 (HELP Act), leveraging feedback from HMIS administrators, the Advisory Council, and the LEAB.
4.C.20	Improve and enhance data tools to increase public understanding of homelessness services in California through expansion of the HDIS dashboards and open data portal, development of targeted support for Continuums of Care, and publishing of new CA System Performance Measure dashboards for CoCs.	Cal ICH expanded the open data portal with new, disaggregated datasets on key subpopulations, providing greater public insight. In collaboration with a data TA provider, Cal ICH proactively monitored quarterly HDIS uploads and conducted targeted outreach to CoC HMIS Leads, successfully resolving several critical data errors to improve statewide data integrity. Additionally, Cal ICH refined the CoC Data Quality Dashboard to support HMIS leads.
4.C.21	Analyze homelessness trends, gaps, and challenges across local areas to inform statewide efforts and identify specific areas of focus for the development of resources to support local systems of care.	Cal ICH is continuing to measure system performance through the CA SPMs at the state and local level. CA SPMs for calendar year 2024 were released in July 2025 and are available for download from the state's Open Data Portal.

		Cal ICH also published the second Quarterly Council Report containing progress towards statewide Action Plan goals as well as service use and destination data for AB 977 programs.
5.A.6	Identify best practices to increase access to state-funded homelessness programs and services.	<p>Cal ICH continues to maintain and regularly update a resource library on the Cal ICH website which includes resources ranging from toolkits and materials released by state and federal partners to emerging, promising, and best practices to prevent and end homelessness.</p> <p>Cal ICH developed a Tribal Homelessness Policy Brief, with learnings from California Tribes and other research. This document provides insight into California Tribal experiences, challenges, and solutions, and corrects the record regarding tribal data. This Brief is currently under Tribal Partner review and will be finalized by early September 2025.</p>
5.A.7	Develop and distribute resources and guidance in partnership with the Cal ICH LEAB for local, state, and Tribal partners to support effective homelessness program development and implementation.	Cal ICH continues to facilitate the LEAB monthly meetings. To date, the LEAB has worked with three member departments to provide feedback and support on projects providing resources and guidance to end homelessness. The LEAB is currently working with Cal ICH on the implementation of Housing First.
5.B.19	Utilize the State Funding and Programs Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners can better coordinate and streamline state-funded housing and homelessness programs. Provide recommendations to the Council, Advisory Committee, and LEAB for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help build on that foundation to move the work forward.
5.B.20	Utilize the Racial Equity Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs in order to address racial inequities present within the homelessness response system. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help

		build on that foundation to move the work forward.
5.B.21	Utilize the Youth and Young Adults Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs in order to address the specific needs of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help build on that foundation to move the work forward.
5.B.22	Utilize the Re-Entry/Transitions Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs to address the housing needs of people exiting incarceration. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help build on that foundation to move the work forward.
5.B.23	Utilize the Tribal advisory group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs to address the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness in Tribal communities. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH has paused the working group activities to conduct a strategic review. This pause will allow Cal ICH to clarify objectives, strengthen structures, and ensure that the working groups are positioned to make the greatest impact on advancing the Council's priorities. Cal ICH is grateful for the valuable work that has been done to date, and this review will help build on that foundation to move the work forward.

Business and Consumer Services Agency (BCSH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025	July 5, 2025	The Governor's Reorganization Plan took effect. Over the next year, work will be undertaken to split BCSH into two agencies by July 1, 2026 – the California Housing and Homelessness Agency (CHHA) that will focus on civil rights, housing and homelessness, and the Business and Consumer Services Agency (BCSA) that will focus on business and professional licensing, enforcement and education: https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/07/11/governor-newsom-restructures-state-government-to-combat-homelessness-boost-housing-and-affordability

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Activity Reference	Activity	Update
1.A.2	Co-lead Transportation and Housing Coordination Workgroup, to pursue opportunities to create more affordable and transit-oriented housing development.	The BCSH & CalSTA Transportation and Housing Workgroup continues to meet every month. Leadership team is preparing for the workgroup's Steering Committee in which both Agency Secretaries will be able to reflect on the year's priorities and prepare for new goals in 2026.
1.A.3	Identify barriers to the production of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Assess opportunities for local, state, and federal action to deliver opportunities to increase housing production, including ADUs.	On August 14, BCSH attended the Casita Coalition Build the Middle Conference in Los Angeles and joined five practitioners on a panel that will discuss "ADUs, Risk and the Road to Resilience", including ADUs as a part of housing recovery, as well as challenges and opportunities to accelerate rebuilding after a disaster.
2.B.22	Better align policies, practices, and funding across State housing agencies and programs, while retaining significant focus on extremely low-income households and housing for people exiting and at risk of homelessness.	The Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025 went into effect on July 5 and establishes the California Housing and Homelessness Agency (CHHA), creating greater focus and consolidation of specialized activities to safeguard civil rights laws, funding and preserving affordable rental housing, expanding homeownership, and

		advancing statewide efforts to end homelessness.
2.B.23	Create public-facing Technical Assistance documents that provide guidance to help navigate housing and health connections, including Behavioral Health Services Act resources.	BCSH departments have developed and finalized Language Access Plans achieving a shared agency-wide commitment to improving access to BCSH services and information for Californians with limited English proficiency. BCSH departments are now preparing to post their plans online by August, ensuring transparency and public availability.
5.A.5	Continue strategic communications to inform the public about the causes of homelessness, effective solutions, the state’s approach, and relevant programs.	On August 13, BCSH joined Senator Blakespear for the keynote discussion at the Third Annual Ending Street Homelessness Summit in San Diego. On August 19, BCSH will be the featured speaker at the Oakland Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Committee discussing homelessness in Oakland and Alameda County.

Section 3: Other Department Updates

Los Angeles County Fire Recovery:

BCSH has been actively supporting the Los Angeles fire response and recovery, as part of the Federal-State Interagency Recovery Coordination (IRC) team, supporting the joint LA County-State Housing Task Force, providing technical assistance to the Governor’s Office and state and local departments in the implementation of Executive Orders, and guiding discussions as the Los Angeles region pivots from immediate response activities to long-term recovery strategies. During the months of July and August, FEMA will transition Interagency Recovery Coordination to state and local counterparts, and steady-state federal teams.

Reevaluating the Federal Funding Landscape:

In response to ongoing uncertainty surrounding federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, BCSH is closely monitoring developments such as federal Executive Orders and proposed cuts to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rental assistance programs and working to strengthen its state-level partnerships to minimize program disruptions and protect core services.

Supporting Major Initiatives of BCSH Departments:

In addition to supporting BCSH departments involved in the LA County fire recovery efforts, BCSH has continued to provide strategic planning, technical assistance and coordination for major key department priorities including funding opportunities such as the Multifamily Finance Super NOFA (which included a set-aside for Los Angeles jurisdictions affected by the January fires) and CalAssist Mortgage Fund for homeowners affected by fires, implementation of Proposition 1 and Homekey+, accelerating delivery of Homekey projects, and supporting progress on the Three-Year Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in California.

California Community Colleges (CCCO)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Advancing Student Parent Success Through Institutional and State Policies at the University of California	June 10, 2025	Presentation centered on supporting student parents through institutional and state policies, including financial aid items for housing costs and resource information related to housing and other basic needs supports.
Addressing Student Homelessness: Findings From the College Focused Rapid Rehousing Program	June 16, 2025	Presentation of findings from a three-year evaluation of the College Focused Rapid Rehousing (CFRR) strategy by the Center for Equitable Higher Education (CEHE) at Cal State Long Beach.
2025 CSU Basic Needs Virtual Convening: Student housing security-focused sessions	July 15-17, 2025	Students, faculty, staff, and administration across the Cal State system gathered virtually for the annual convening, which included 2 sessions on topics in student housing security including the 3-year evaluation of the CSU Rapid Rehousing program.
CSU Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program (RRHHSP) Community of Practice meetings	Every month	Campus-based practitioners who are facilitating RRHHSP on their campuses are invited for optional technical assistance and peer mentorship virtual sessions.
UC Parenting & Pregnant Students Community of Practice	Every month	Community of practice focusing on student parent supports, programs and resources. This community includes staff, faculty and students who are student parents or who serve student parents. Housing security is discussed regularly.
Webinar: California Community Colleges Basic Needs Center Evaluation	July 31, 2025	The Chancellor's Office, in partnership with United Way Bay Area and Public Profit, has completed a two-year research project on the early implementation of Basic Needs

		Centers in the California Community College system.
Basic Needs Regional Convening	July 2025	Chancellor's Office participated in 7 regional basic needs meetings to discuss best practices and identify collaborative solutions.
State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO) presentation	August 10, 2025	UCOP co-presented with the California Alliance for Student Parent Success on financial aid and California legislation pertaining to parenting students. Topics included housing insecurity and financial aid policies on meeting students' basic needs.
CCCCO System Webinar: Student-Parent Awareness	September 3, 2025	A systemwide webinar focused on supporting student parents.
HHIP Office Hour: NOVA	September 26, 2025	Technical Assistance Training for fiscal reporting in our NOVA system.
Real College California Basic Needs Summit: Napa Valley College	December 5, 2025	
HHIP Office Hour: Topic TBD	December 19, 2025	
2026 California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance (CHEBNA) Summit – This intersegmental summit is the primary event for CCC, UC, and CSU basic needs professionals. The 2026 Summit is being hosted by the CCC Chancellor's Office.	Feb 9-11 th , 2026 in Sacramento	The Save-the-Date announcement has been made available to all California Higher Education system listservs. Planning committees have commenced regular meetings in preparation for the event. Official registration will open later this fall.
HHIP Office Hour: Topic TBD	March 27, 2026	
In-Person HHIP Convening	April 16, 2026	In-Person Training for Cohort 2 Colleges; 1-2 participants per college. Registration will open Winter 2026

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Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot Program: Provides colleges, in partnership	CCCs continue to operate programs locally, meeting milestones pertaining to their

	with local housing service agencies, funding to provide housing navigation and placement services, academic support, and case management services to homeless students or those at risk of becoming homeless.	Cohorts' progression timeline. The Chancellor's Office maintains ongoing oversight and offers technical support to the colleges.
Strategic Investment	Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program: Provides rental assistance and services to students who are experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.	CSU- No update.
1.A.7	Identify opportunities for expanding housing support for students who transfer between community colleges and other institutions of higher education.	Discussion have begun with Cal-ICH staff to identify opportunities for advancing this activity, such as by hosting a professional development session for HHIP colleges on different housing and referral models for transfer students
1.B.23	Provide emergency housing assistance to CSU students who are experiencing temporary housing insecurity or homelessness.	CSU- No update.
1.B.33	Implement and monitor Basic Needs Centers and expand programming targeting students involved with the justice and/or foster care systems.	Basic needs centers operations are ongoing across all CCCs. During 2025, colleges are focused on implementation of recently passed legislation, including Assembly Bill2458 and Assembly Bill2033.
1.C.42	Promote programs and funding for CCCs, UCs and CSUs—including the rapid rehousing funding and emergency housing assistance funding—in order to leverage these programs across the institutions responsible for the health, safety, well-being, and academic success of enrolled students.	No update.
3.A.5	Promote meaningful engagement of community college students within supports focused on preventing and ending their homelessness.	Colleges engage students on an ongoing basis. Program activities may be more limited over the summer term. We expect student engagement to increase when the fall semester resumes.
4.C.26	Analyze higher education programs, including Basic Needs Centers data to find gaps in meeting the needs of students at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and identify inequities in service provision and outcomes.	In our last update, the CCCCCO shared that we were collecting data regarding excess carryover funds and asked the colleges to submit spending plans. Since this request, all have been submitted, analyzed, and accounted for. One college was identified as having an insufficient spending plan based on the criteria outlined in the program's guidance materials, so an additional revision to their plan was requested, with a deadline of September 2025. Additionally, the HHIP

		<p>college will now be using a new fiscal reporting system, NOVA. Training for this platform begins September 2025.</p> <p>The 2023-34 HHIP legislative report was submitted in July 2025, and is available here.</p> <p>In partnership with the California Community College Affordability Taskforce, the Chancellors Office participated in 7 regional basic needs meetings. These meetings allowed colleges within the 7 defined California community college regions to convene to share best practices and identify collaborative solutions to common challenges.</p> <p>The Chancellor's Office, in partnership with United Way Bay Area and Public Profit, has completed a two-year research project on the early implementation of Basic Needs Centers in the California Community College system. The study analyzed program plans from all 115 colleges, conducted in-depth reviews and site visits at select campuses, and gathered insights through student surveys and focus groups. Findings from this research are summarized in the attached report.</p>
5.A.10	Continue to convene the California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance intersegmental workgroup and annual Summit, with an emphasis on promoting best practices to coordinate with local homelessness response systems.	CHEBNA continues to meet on a monthly basis with a primary focus on planning for the 2026 Basic Needs Summit. Conference committees have been established and the upcoming call for workshop proposals is underway. This year's theme is: "Opening Doors to Optimism and Strength"
5.A.11	Maximize the impact of the Homeless and Housing Insecurity Program funding through ongoing, data-driven programmatic improvements and by encouraging collaboration with the network of Basic Needs Centers for students on campuses.	See item 4.C.26
5.C.27	Analyze various housing models and identify successful models that could be adapted for students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.	As part of the CCCCCO transition of HHIP college host sites, from pilot operations to permanent, ongoing program operations, we are requiring all participating colleges to establish and/or renew formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents with local housing service providers. Colleges have identified various partners based on

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		local needs and resources, including local Continuum of Care agencies and affordable student housing providers.
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California Department of Aging (CDA)

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Activity Reference	Activity	Update
1.B.20	Analyze opportunities for Proposition 1 and behavioral health modernization to be leveraged statewide and locally to improve access for older adults with behavioral health and housing needs.	As part of California's statewide behavioral health transformation, new policies and funding — including Proposition 1 and the Behavioral Health Service Act — are creating opportunities to improve behavioral health care for older adults at the local level. Behavioral Health Services Act County Toolkits are now available on CDA's webpage . These toolkits are designed to support local partners to engage with local behavioral health departments, navigate planning processes, and advocate for older adult services.
1.B.24	Facilitate connections across AAAs, CoCs, county staff, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to align services for older adults who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	CDA is in early planning stages to develop tools and training to educate housing Continuums of Care (CoCs), aging and disability networks including Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Independent Living Centers (ILCs), health plans, and others on how to coordinate benefits and support services for older adults and people with disabilities who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
1.B.31	Address housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining access to information by advancing a No Wrong Door system approach, in support of Californians remaining in their own homes and communities.	<p>The Aging and Disability No Wrong Door (NWD) System State Leadership Council met in April 2025. The role of the State Leadership Council is to establish the vision, goals, and priorities for a future NWD system, and to serve as a governance body overseeing the system once it is established.</p> <p>In July 2025, CDA released a request for proposals to launch a statewide consumer-facing online Aging Resource Directory in May 2026. The Resource Directory will be a centralized platform within a consumer-facing website that contains searchable listings of programs, services, and providers for older Californians and professionals serving this population.</p>

1.C.41	Continue advancing Legal Service Program through the Area Agencies on Aging, providing services that include support for elder justice, fraud prevention, rental disputes, and others.	CDA in partnership with Justice in Aging is currently operationalizing an initiative focused on strengthening California's Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III-B Legal Services Programs provided through Area Agencies on Aging that serve older adults and adults with disabilities. This project includes development of a Legal Assistance Guidance Manual and training curriculum to further enhance the legal services system.
2.C.34	Raise awareness among AAA and ADRC partners of resources and supports available to older adults at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness, including strategies for outreach, identification, and service connection.	CDA is in early planning stages to develop resources to increase awareness of Area Agencies on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partners on housing and homeless services and supports information at the county level on the percentage of older adults who are housing cost burdened.
3.A.3	Document recommendations of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) and elevate relevant recommendations for the next iteration of the Master Plan for Aging.	During the August 2025 DACLAC meeting, the Housing Subcommittee recommended investing in housing stability, affordable housing programs and production, and homelessness prevention programs that focus on older adults and people with disabilities.
3.A.4	Facilitate linkages and technical assistance across AAAs, CoCs, Community Based Organizations, County and City staff, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to align services for older adults who are at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	CDA is in early planning stages to help facilitate linkages and technical assistance to aging and disability networks, counties and cities, health plans, and others designed to better coordinate housing and homeless services for older adults and people with disabilities.
4.C.24	Using the findings from the non-Medi-Cal Home and Community Based Services Gap Analysis to understand the supply of affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities, elevate the needs of underrepresented populations, and identify services in underserved areas.	CDA has released the non-Medi-Cal Statewide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis report that includes analysis of affordable, accessible housing options and services for older adults and people with disabilities. Building on this work, CDA is conducting a more in-depth analysis focused specifically on housing services and affordable housing supply, which is to be completed in December 2025.

4.C.25	Continue building upon the Data Dashboard for Aging by expanding research and data functions and including housing and homelessness.	<p>The MPA Data Dashboard (MPADD) includes data and tools related to housing and homelessness. CDA worked closely with the CA Aging and Disability Research Partnership (CADRP) to develop a “key outcomes dashboard” which tracks older adult homelessness since 2017. This dashboard also includes homelessness data at the regional level along with data on potential “drivers” of homelessness. CDA will work with CADRP this year to update the data on this dashboard and potentially add new features.</p> <p>CDA has added a variety of demographic data to the MPADD including information on older adult housing characteristics. The MPADD also includes “County Profiles” where users can find information at the county level on the percentage of older adults who are housing cost burdened.</p>
5.C.26	Explore shared housing, shallow rental subsidies, and other models that provide housing options for older adults who are insecurely housed or at risk of homelessness.	<p>In May 2025, CDA completed, in partnership with Valon Consulting, a shared housing and rental subsidies landscape analysis that includes program models and promising practices. The findings of these landscape analyses are being further developed into fact sheets set to be released in Fall 2025.</p>

Section 3: Other Department Updates

Media reports in 2025 have indicated that Point in Time counts show the overall number of homeless individuals declining while the number of older adults experiencing homelessness increasing. As an example, [Spectrum News recently reported](#) that 17.6% more older adults are homeless in Los Angeles County as compared to last year. Spectrum News indicates that the increase in older adult homelessness is largely due to economic difficulties from fixed income and increased cost of living including housing costs and that many are experiencing homelessness for the first time. Local partners report that there is a need for more targeted prevention services.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery Program: Residential program that provides housing, meals, programming, supervision, and support services that focus on the needs of individuals that have served long sentences.	The 2024 Budget Act included funding threshold increases for six LTORRs. The augmentation enables increased rates commensurate with CPI and an ongoing increase of two percent each fiscal year to address cost-of-living and other operational cost increases to sustain programmatic operations over time. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor's Proposed Budget proposes funding threshold increases for an additional six LTORRs.
Strategic Investment	Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP): Expands the number of community reentry programs, which connect participants transitioning from corrections settings to jobs and local resources within the community prior to release.	The Division of Rehabilitative Programs has executed agreements for four expansion sites in Fresno, Sacramento, and San Bernardino County for 435 new MCRP beds. CDCR has also executed an agreement for a site in Alameda that will add 72 MCRP beds, for which funds were originally approved in the 2020 Budget Act. Additionally, DRP expanded capacity at current reentry sites by 58 beds beginning July 1, 2024. An RFI will be released by the fall of 2025 to solicit for a fourth Los Angeles County site and a site in Riverside County. Further expansion beyond these plans will require additional funding.
1.B.15	Support older adults transitioning to community living from incarceration or other secured settings and leveraging opportunities.	There is a significant need for appropriate care and housing for older adults transitioning from incarceration. As such, CDCR has requested assistance from CalICH on how best to identify and explore opportunities and strategies to address current system gaps.
1.B.18	Establish referral processes to connect unsheltered supervised persons enrolled in Medi-Cal to housing services offered through	CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations Behavioral Health Reintegration (BHR) clinicians are continuing to make ECM referrals to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans. While this information is currently

	CalAIM (e.g., Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports).	being tracked manually, BHR is working with EIS to create an application for ECM referral data tracking.
1.B.32	Improve access and connections to wrap-around services, including housing, for Returning Home Well participants transitioning from corrections who have higher needs for services.	The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor's Proposed Budget proposes \$12.9 million one-time General Fund in 2025-26 and 2026-27 to continue the Returning Home Well (RHW) Program for an additional two years, which will also enable CDCR to provide important wraparound services to RHW participants.
1.C.38	Strengthen connections and referral pathways with CoCs to improve access to housing and services resources for people exiting from prison.	CDCR continues to collaborate with CalICH to strengthen connections and referral pathways to CoCs.
2.A.17	Strengthen coordination across systems for people with disabilities who are institutionalized or are transitioning out of corrections settings. Ensure that services supporting reentry into the community include a focus on employment and independent living.	<p>CDCR established a data sharing agreement and completed the first data match with the California Department of Developmental Services to identify on bi-annual basis incarcerated persons with developmental disabilities/intellectually disabilities (DD/IDs) who were clients of Regional Centers. This will not only help to better serve these individuals while incarcerated but also help with reentry planning to ensure streamlined access to community-based DD/ID services, including housing and employment, when needed and as appropriate.</p> <p>CDCR's Statewide Mental Health Program and BHR are also filing CARE Act petitions for individuals who meet CARE act criteria, and are in need of intensive support and engagement upon release to ensure they have access to appropriate services and supports, including residential treatment, supported housing, etc.</p>
4.C.23	Analyze existing data from all relevant CDCR programs and identify data-sharing opportunities to understand who is at risk of experiencing homelessness among people	CDCR and CalICH are currently working to develop a data sharing agreement to link CalICH Homeless Management Information Systems data with CDCR data to determine

	<p>preparing to exit prison. Partner with Continuums of Care to begin planning efforts to address the needs of people pre-release and those under community supervision.</p>	<p>the extent to which individuals releasing from CDCR are utilizing CoC services. In addition, CDCR has provided a presentation to the CA Department of Housing and Community Development's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Program team Office Hours to explore strategies for educating CoCs on utilizing CDCR's new Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard for local planning efforts.</p> <p>As reflected on CDCR's Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard, as of June 30, 2025, there were 3,382 unhoused parolees (sheltered+ unsheltered), with 70 percent of those unhoused having a CDCR mental health and/or substance use disorder designation at the time of release.</p>
5.A.2	<p>Embed statutory Housing First requirements into CDCR recovery housing contract requirements, in order to provide participants with meaningful choices and minimize exits to homelessness. Report out on outcomes from participants in specified programs.</p>	<p>The contractual requirements related to Housing First are monitored through CDCR's Program Accountability Review (PAR) process. CDCR will report annually on the PAR findings related to Housing First in August for the prior fiscal year's date.</p>

California Department of Education (CDE)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
2026 Statewide Homeless Education Conference	March 19-20, 2026	Save the Date; Registration information forthcoming
Release of the California Department of Education's Homeless Education Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium (SDYHC) Guidebook for Creating a Youth Homelessness Response Plan		https://www.hetac.org/fs/resource-manager/view/799e0bf5-760d-4aac-b7a8-b061cf678d64

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Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
1.B.25	Educate housing agencies on the specific barriers to housing faced by families with children and unaccompanied homeless youth who are identified through the education system.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California.
1.B.26	Streamline support and warm handoffs between high school liaisons, youth, and their families for transition to higher education.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career.
1.C.40	Provide training to state housing and homelessness partners on the eligibility, rights, and educational protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. Promote coordination and collaboration through the California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers (HETACs) implementing the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure services, coordination, and accountability at the local level for all Californians.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students. California HETACs have developed resources and accompanying webinar sessions when appropriate. Latest resources are listed follow:

		<p><u>Supporting Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Identification and Referral Strategies.</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommends best practices for identifying young children experiencing homelessness, • suggests strategies for referring families with young children experiencing homelessness to supports across school and community partners, • and links to informational and implementation resources throughout. <p>This resource was developed in response to county office of education (COE) and local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison needs assessment feedback requesting additional information specifically on improving the identification of young children experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet provides key information about the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy; recommends best practices for partnering across the EHCY program and CS strategy to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and links to resources for more information throughout. The tip sheet serves as a more comprehensive companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u> resource.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u></p> <p>This HETAC primer explores the alignment of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy across the four CS pillars. This primer serves as a summary companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u> tip sheet.</p>
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2.A.6	Strengthen state-level communication and coordination between CDE’s Homeless Education Program and Higher Education liaisons. Share technical assistance and training opportunities to ensure continuity of services for all eligible students experiencing homelessness, with a focus on unaccompanied youth and young parenting students.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize students experiencing homelessness. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career. The CDE has also established working relationships to support youth and homeless awareness in partnerships with UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco.
2.A.7	Increase coordination across State programs and with County Welfare programs to ensure students are receiving the appropriate level of care and connections to resources from cradle to career.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career. The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California.
2.A.8	Strengthen mutual understanding between CDE and Higher Education local/regional partners. Focus on duties of the Local Liaison in McKinney Vento Act and in California Education Code as well as role of community college Basic Needs Centers and other services.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize parents, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career. The CDE will develop a shared side-by-side contact resources with the identified appropriate agency. Once identified, CDE and the sister agency will develop supports and training at local levels. The CDE, through its HETACs, will support the local connection and collaboration of resources and trainings.
2.A.9	Provide training to state housing and homelessness partners on the eligibility, rights, and educational protections under	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and their families.

	McKinney-Vento Act. Promote coordination and collaboration through the California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers implementing the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure services, coordination, and accountability at the local level for all Californians.	The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the housing and homelessness agencies for meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to homeless children, youth and their families across California leading to access and success in school and housing stability.
2.C.32	Coordinate across departments and agencies to identify useful education data about children, youth, and their families experiencing homelessness (i.e. graduation rates, career technical education pathways, graduation exemption regulations, etc.). Identify ways to utilize this information within homelessness services, such as defining “at risk” or placement within a vulnerability index.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth, and their families experiencing homelessness. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the appropriate data opportunities related to housing and homelessness at sister state agencies to share the McKinney-Vento Act data analysis and use of the data.
2.C.33	Communicate and disseminate guidance to county offices of education, LEAs, and partnering agencies to strengthen support for students experiencing homelessness from local housing partners.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings.
3.A.7	Ensure student voices are present within working groups and other bodies in order to provide recommendations and perspectives on how to prevent and end homelessness for children, youth, unaccompanied youth, and their families.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California.
3.C.28	Implement strategies for local systems to streamline family services between COEs, LEAs, Charter Schools, and CoCs to ensure equitable access to housing options.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings.
3.C.34	Support engagement and coordination with local systems of care for resource and funding connections. Strengthen local implementation of Coordinated Entry by working with state departments and agencies to include local educational agencies for eligibility in state-funded homelessness and housing programs. Ensure compliance with federal law allowing for McKinney-Vento eligibility for these services.	The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the applicable settings, meetings, and webinars to share and strengthen coordination. The CDE held listening sessions statewide in partnership with Cal ICH staff regarding CDE’s Action Plan goal development. There were seven

		sessions covering rural, urban, northern, southern counties across the state.
4.A.7	Include education data on youth identified as homeless in state reports and data collection efforts related to homelessness. This will help provide a broader picture of youth homelessness than what is currently included in Point-in-Time counts and other reporting.	<p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff guidance of legislative reports, research studies, etc. developed for this body of work to support data collection.</p> <p>The CDE has a dedicated data steward for homeless education that supports and provides technical assistance with the HETACs for local data collection, analysis and reporting. Data sessions happen on a monthly basis throughout the academic school year.</p>
5.A.8	Continue to develop and distribute best practices to districts, charter schools, and county offices of education, on the implementation of legislative changes, including best practices in serving McKinney-Vento children, youth, and families.	<p><u>Supporting Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Identification and Referral Strategies.</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommends best practices for identifying young children experiencing homelessness, • suggests strategies for referring families with young children experiencing homelessness to supports across school and community partners, • and links to informational and implementation resources throughout. <p>This resource was developed in response to county office of education (COE) and local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison needs assessment feedback requesting additional information specifically on improving the identification of young children experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet provides key information about the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy; recommends best practices for partnering across the EHCY program and CS strategy to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and links to resources for more information throughout. The tip sheet serves as a more comprehensive companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community</u></p>

		<p><u>Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u> resource.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u></p> <p>This HETAC primer explores the alignment of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy across the four CS pillars. This primer serves as a summary companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u> tip sheet.</p>
5.A.9	Support the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure that the federal rights of students experiencing homelessness are upheld throughout California. Engage with state-level partners for alignment and understanding.	<p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and their families.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the housing and homelessness agencies for meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to homeless children, youth and their families across California leading to access and success in school and housing stability.</p>
5.C.25	Collaborate with LEAs and state-level educational partners to identify needs of students experiencing homelessness as the result of natural disasters and/or other emergencies, and develop strategies, resources, and tools to address those needs.	<p>The CDE is an active participant of the STEP-UP interdepartmental workgroup ensuring that schools, children, youth and family needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California are incorporated into the toolkit. The toolkit was released and included CDE resources and data.</p> <p>The CDE plans to continue to be an active partner in the development of the planned webinar series proposed.</p>

Section 3: Other Department Updates

[**CDE Responses to 2025 Federal Actions & Communications Web page:**](#)

This page includes letters to the field as well as news releases that help educators and families understand any impact on California's public schools and students, or lack thereof, resulting from federal actions and communications.

[**Guidebook for Creating a Youth Homelessness Response Plan:**](#)

San Diego Youth Homelessness Consortium (SDYHC) Steering Committee members have actively participated in over 50 San Diego Youth Advisory Board (YAB) meetings and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) implementation sessions. This guidebook from the SDYHC provides a structured approach for communities to create a Youth Homelessness Response Plan. The plan promotes

cross-system and cross-agency partnerships to ensure comprehensive care and leverages high-quality data to improve services and track outcomes effectively.

California Department of Education's funding of the California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers (HETAC) to support the county's youth homelessness planning body, including through funding a vital position to manage the work.

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month:

The California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Center (HETAC) and the California Department of Education (CDE) join with others in recognizing November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month (NHYAM). The HETAC and CDE, in particular, wish to acknowledge the important role education can play in preventing and ending homelessness among young people, and provide the resources below to help you be part of bringing attention to this important issue. More information, including a NHYAM toolkit can be found on the CDE HETAC web page on: <https://www.hetac.org/hetac-resources/youth-awareness>

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Prop 1's Behavioral Health Housing interventions: Provides funding for housing interventions that may include rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, family housing, non-federal share for Medi-Cal transitional rent, project-based housing assistance, including master leasing, capital development projects, and others.	No investment updates.
Strategic Investment	Transitional Rent (pending federal approval): Provides 6 months of transitional rent for eligible members making critical life transitions from certain settings or meet high-risk population criteria.	No investment updates.
Strategic Investment	CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Services: Providing a whole-person, interdisciplinary approach to care management that comprehensively addresses the clinical and nonclinical needs of Medi-Cal Members with the most complex medical and social needs through systematic coordination of services and comprehensive care management that is community-based, interdisciplinary, high-touch and person-centered.	No investment updates.
Strategic Investment	Cal AIM Community Supports: Providing housing-related services such as Housing Transition and Navigation Services, Housing Deposits, Housing Tenancy Sustaining Services, and other services (e.g., Recuperative Care, Short-Term Post-Hospitalization) services that address Medi-Cal managed care plan members' social drivers of health and help them avoid higher, costlier levels of care	No investment updates.
Strategic Investment	Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH): Funding for operational and supportive services to expand bridge housing and support rental	Allocations for the BHBH Program total \$1,132,500,000 and additional budgetary allocations for the BHBH Program are not

	assistance housing navigation, outreach and engagement, and start-up infrastructure.	anticipated. The CA Budget for FY 2025-26 identified a realignment of funding for the BHBH Program from the General Fund to the Behavioral Health Services Act Fund.
Strategic Investment	Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA): Modernizes the Mental Health Services Act to address today's behavioral health system and needs, with reforms expanding services to include treatment for people with substance use disorders. Prioritizes care for individuals with the most serious mental illnesses, provides ongoing resources for housing interventions, and continues investments in prevention, early intervention, and innovative pilot programs.	No investment updates.
1.A.13	Develop implementation plan to provide six months of transitional rent to eligible members making critical life transitions or meeting high-risk population criteria.	DHCS released the updated Community Supports Policy Guide on 4/30/25 which includes final policy guidance for Transitional Rent (see Volume 2 of Community Supports Policy Guide). Beginning on January 1, 2026, MCPs will cover Transitional Rent for the Behavioral Health Population of Focus (POF) as the first mandatory Community Support service. Phase-in dates for other POFs are to be determined.
1.A.19	Implement CalAIM to provide medically necessary recuperative care and/or short-term post-hospitalization placements for unhoused people who are exiting acute inpatient facilities and/or were recently hospitalized.	DHCS released the updated Community Supports Policy Guide on 4/30/25 which includes updates to recuperative care and short-term post-hospitalization housing (see Volume 2 of Community Supports Policy Guide).
1.B.31	Address housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining access to information by advancing a No Wrong Door system approach, in support of Californians remaining in their own homes and communities.	No action plan updates at this time.
2.A.1	Continue implementation of CalAIM Providing Access and Transforming Health Initiatives to support statewide implementation of Enhanced	The PATH CITED Round 4 awards are anticipated to be announced in the fall of 2025. The funding priorities for PATH

	Care Management and Community Supports. Implementation includes regional collaborative planning and implementation, direct funding to local entities to support delivery of services, virtual “marketplace” that offers technical support, and funding services to transition from Whole Person Care to managed care coverage under CalAIM.	CITED Round 4 will include addressing specific gaps in Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports at the county level, as well as statewide gaps that encompass areas such as Birth Equity, Justice-Involved populations, and Transitional Rent. Additionally, the priorities will focus on supporting tribal entities and organizations serving tribal members, rural counties, and those operating in counties that received lower funding in previous CITED rounds. Priority will also be given to organizations that assist individuals whose primary language is not English, as well as local community-based organizations.
3.A.2	Include individuals with lived experience in the implementation of the Behavioral Health Transformation (Proposition 1) via the Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation Workgroup, the Medi-Cal Advisory Committee, and other BHT partner opportunities.	The Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation Workgroup includes the representation of an individual with lived experience for ongoing policy feedback. Additionally, multiple public listening sessions have been conducted to solicit the input of individuals with lived experience in the implementation of the Behavioral Health Transformation.
3.A.8	Continue initiatives that include the perspectives of persons with lived experience in DHCS programs.	DHCS continues to seek input and feedback from individuals with lived experience throughout extensive stakeholder process.
3.B.15	Complete implementation of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program, which includes a People with Lived Experience panel that provides feedback and guidance as well as support to Tribal partners in their development of housing and related supports.	The Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program’s People with Lived Experience Panel will no longer convene with the conclusion of the program.
3.B.16	Continued implementation of PATH Collaborative Planning and Implementation initiative, which includes county and regional collaboratives of managed care plans, providers, CBOs, county agencies, hospitals, Tribal partners, and other stakeholders to address ECM and Community Supports	No action plan updates at this time.

	implementation issues and promote ongoing readiness.	
3.C.19	Communicate Cal AIM opportunities to broader audiences and range of stakeholders, aiming to fulfill the vision for Cal AIM to become a critical solution to homelessness.	DHCS continues to spread awareness about CalAIM initiatives and relevant updates through stakeholder engagement, conferences, webinars, and other broader forums.
4.B.10	Track and analyze trends in enrollment data for individuals experiencing homelessness within the Enhanced Care Management Program.	DHCS continues to monitor ECM utilization by Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness through regular collection of data from MCPs and a public-facing Quarterly Implementation Report. Since 7/2025, DHCS has implemented Closed Loop Referral policy that permits tracking of not only ECM utilization but also referrals to ECM.
4.B.11	Track and analyze trends in uptake data for individuals experiencing homelessness within Community Supports.	No action plan updates at this time.
4.C.27	Implementation of Medi-Cal Connect (previously Population Health Management Service) to develop better data-driven approaches and better understand risk for individuals experiencing homelessness.	No action plan updates at this time.
5.A.1	Advance best practices and lessons learned identified through experiences delivering CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports to members experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	No action plan updates at this time.

Section 3: Other Department Updates

On July 31, 2025, [DHCS announced the thirteen awardees](#) for the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pools (“Flex Pools”) Academy. The Flex Pools Academy offers flexible, tailored support from a team of Flex Pool faculty for the launch and scale of Flex Pools in localities at no charge. Flex Pools is a model to streamline the administration of housing subsidies and services in local communities, thereby improving health outcomes through housing stability.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Program	NOFA Release Date	Application Due Date	Available, Funding	Eligible Applicants	Additional Information/Contact Info
HHAP Round 6	February 24, 2025	August 29, 2025	\$760 million	All Counties, all CoCs, and Large Cities (more than 300K pop)	Applications are due on August 29, 2025

Event	Date	Notes
Tribal HHAP NOFA & Application workshop	August 21, 2025	Chicken Ranch Casino Resort, Jamestown, CA
Tribal HHAP NOFA & Application workshop	August 26 – 27, 2025	NV/Cal Indian Housing Association Semi-Annual Business Meeting and Training @ Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks, NV
Tribal HHAP Program Overview	September 10 -11, 2025	Presentation as part of the Tribal Financing 2-day Workshop @ HCD Headquarters, 651 Bannon St, (SE 158), Sacramento

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Family Homelessness Challenge Grants: Grants for local jurisdictions to support the development and acceleration of innovative programs that expand promising practices and create solutions to address and end family homelessness.	No update.
Strategic Investment	Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program: Funds to help young adults 18-24 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to those formerly in the foster care or probation systems.	As of June 10, 2025, all 52 standard agreements for FY 2024-2025 totaling \$56 million in TAY awards were executed.
Strategic Investment	Homekey Tribal Program: Provides Tribal Entities funding to develop multifamily rental housing developments, including rehabilitation of existing housing, new construction of apartments, townhomes, or single-family rental homes, including manufactured housing, or conversion of non-residential space to residential housing.	As of 5/1/25, 11 Awards issues; 2 awards declined. Final application pending award, which will exhaust \$81 million total program funds. To date, 9 standard agreements approved, totaling over \$68 million.
Strategic Investment	Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (Tribal HHAP): Grants for California Federally Recognized Tribes to support unique,	Draft NOFA and Standard Agreement Boilerplate expected to be released in August 2025.

	culturally responsive interventions to prevent and address homelessness within their communities.	
Strategic Investment	Homekey+: Providing funding to build more permanent supportive homes faster for veterans and residents experiencing homelessness and behavioral health challenges.	Homekey+ has announced seven awards as of August 11, funding 315 units, 64 of which are Veteran units, totaling \$102,868,476. A NOFA amendment was released on August 7. Among other changes, the amendment extends the application deadline and incentivizes the submission of applications with Veteran-serving units, by prioritizing their review and providing additional operating support. The awardee list can be found here: homekey-plus-awards-june-30-2025.pdf and the NOFA amendment can be found here: hk-plus-nofa-2024-amendment-2025.pdf
Strategic Investment	Encampment Resolution Funding Program (ERF): Grants for local jurisdictions to develop coordinated strategies to resolve encampments and transition people experiencing homelessness in encampments into safe and stable housing.	HCD expects to release a NOFA for ERF Round in Fall 2025 for \$100 million.
Strategic Investment	Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP): Providing grants for local jurisdictions to support regional coordination and local homelessness response to address challenges and increase permanent housing solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.	HHAP Round 6 NOFA was released on 2/24/25 and includes a variety of continued and new accountability measures. Final applications are due by August 29, 2025. HCD continues to host monthly office hours, release updated FAQ documents and has hosted three NOFA Support Workshops to provide application support. Applications will be reviewed starting in September. Awards will be made on a rolling basis upon approval of regional applications and disbursements made once awardees have met all initial disbursement eligibility requirements.
Strategic Investment	Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability (Super NOFA): Streamlines four of HCD's rental housing programs to align eligibility criteria, scoring, and release of funds allowing for a coordinated single application and award process. Multifamily Housing Program (MHP): Provides low-interest, long-term deferred payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households. Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG): Promotes infill development by providing financing for infrastructure necessary for the development of	MFSN is currently closing out and awarding projects for Round 3. Detailed information regarding Round 3 awards will be provided in the next update. MFSN's disaster NOFA was released July 7th and applications are due August 21 st . The NOFA has made available \$101 million for fire impacted areas in Los Angeles.

	affordable and mixed income housing. Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP): Provides long-term loans for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily housing for veterans and their families. Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant (FWHG): Provides funding for new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of owner-occupied and rental units for agricultural workers.	
Strategic Investment	HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP): Assists individuals or households at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter.	No update.
Strategic Investment	HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): Funding to create and retain affordable housing for lower-income renters, homebuyers, or homeowners by funding tenant assistance, or single- or multi-family acquisition and/or rehabilitation or new construction.	No update.
Strategic Investment	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): Grants to address homelessness by providing funding for supportive services, emergency shelter/transitional housing, homelessness prevention assistance, and permanent housing.	ESG 2024 NOFA closed on March 28. Funds were made available on an allocation basis to each eligible Continuum of Care. Fifty-two applications were received, and fifty-one awards have been made as of July 2025. Standard Agreements for these awards are currently routing and expected to be fully executed by September 2025.
Strategic Investment	Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): Funds community & economic development & disaster recovery to create suitable living environments by expanding economic opportunities & providing appropriate housing to low-income households.	No update.
Strategic Investment	Housing for a Healthy California Program (HHC): Creates supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal program.	The HHC Program started in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY18) and concluded in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY20). The status of the remaining 21 multifamily affordable housing developments with HHC/NHTF financing is comprised of six (6) projects that will start construction within the next 12 months, and fifteen (15) are actively under construction and will close on permanent financing within the next 36 months.
Strategic Investment	HOME-ARP Reentry Housing Pilot Project: Funding to develop units for re-entry populations and/or those exiting state and federal prisons and local jails.	No update.

1.A.1	Support the achievement of Statewide Housing Plan goals through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, ensuring housing element compliance, and strengthen housing and homelessness accountability by providing technical assistance and, when necessary, enforcements through the Housing Accountability Unit.	HCD has implemented changes to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment methodology stemming from AB 3093 to better account for the long-term permanent housing needs of people experiencing homelessness. HCD has enhanced collaboration with local jurisdictions to improve accountability in addressing homelessness by providing technical assistance for compliance with Housing Element requirements (e.g. emergency shelters, transitional and supportive housing), and evaluates funding programs for services, emergency shelter expansion, and Housing First, etc. HCD further enforces state requirements, including AB 101 and SB 1395.
1.A.5	Publicize the inventory and map of State-Owned Excess Sites. Provide technical assistance to developers and local government on utilizing public lands for affordable housing development.	No update.
2.C.30	Convene a working group, in alignment with AB 519 (Schiavo, chapter 742, statutes of 2023), to develop and report policy recommendations to implement a single consolidated application and coordinated review process for affordable housing resources.	The Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup (AHFW) convened June 2025 and is expected to meet through May 2026. Members include CDLAC, CTCAC, CalHFA, HCD, BCSH, representatives of local governments, tribal governments, affordable housing developers, other stakeholders, and advocacy organizations. Recommendations to the legislature to implement a single consolidated application and coordinated review process for affordable housing resources are currently under development.
2.C.31	Implement Memorandum of Understanding, in compliance with AB 2006 (Berman, chapter 646, statutes of 2022), to facilitate the collaborative coordination and development of processes to streamline compliance monitoring for housing developments where two or more agencies are involved.	No update.
3.B.11	Provide pre-application and other technical assistance and training opportunities, participate in listening or feedback sessions, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance access to State homelessness and housing programs and resources, and other support services, for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal consortium, and Tribal entities in California.	Tribal HHAP NOFA & Application training workshops will begin August-October 2025. Existing tribal grantees receive ongoing technical assistance. Once the NOFA is released, technical assistance meetings are expected to increase.

Section 3: Other Department Updates

Tribal Homekey+ Updates: 14 preapplication meetings completed. Two Applications received. One application is pending revisions. One application is pending Threshold items before it can transition to Feasibility review.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
2.A.3	Strengthen internal coordination across teams to increase housing and homelessness resources provided to California's Tribal Communities.	CDPH has hired a Tribal Relations Coordinator. The Housing & Homelessness staff will coordinate with her on this activity once she is onboarded.
2.A.11	Strengthen internal coordination with the Center for Family Health and other teams to prevent homelessness among families and youth.	The Housing & Homelessness team is conducting a landscape analysis to assess where coordination can occur with the Center for Family Health.
2.C.36	Connect housing services staff with free overdose reversal training and supplies, information to share with residents on where to access safer drug use supplies, and, for those who wish to reduce or stop their substance use, referrals to a variety of treatment options statewide, including Contingency Management and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder.	CDPH has information, trainings and resources available on our website OA Prev Harm Reduction Resources We are brainstorming ways to promote these resources and track website traffic.
3.A.6	Incorporate people with lived experiences of homelessness in decision making on policies and issues related to homelessness, housing, COVID-19, and health, including through facilitation of a CDPH Lived Experience Advisory Board.	The pilot year of our Lived Experience Advisory Board or LEAB was successful. We have drafted a proposal to seek funding for compensation of LEAB members.
3.C.31	Support coordination between Local Health Jurisdictions and Continuums of Care and with State-funded homelessness programs. Implement opportunities to include Local Health Jurisdictions as eligible applicants within state funding programs.	CDPH gathered qualitative data from LHJs to assess the current coordination and collaboration efforts with CoCs. CDPH has analyzed this data and is working on a report with recommendations for improved LHF and CoC coordination.
4.C.28	Track and measure families and youth under 18 experiencing homelessness, including population level surveillance and CDPH service provision	

4.C.29	Analyze mortality data for people experiencing homelessness, specifically focusing on deaths caused by climate-related factors.	Birth and death BUCP approved by OHE legal; resubmitted CPHS (IRB) approval under different category. Application in process.
4.C.30	Collect and analyze data on indoor air quality conditions at congregate shelters to identify any environmental health risks.	Last July CDPH purchased over 700 portable air filtration units and distributed them to congregate shelters across the state. CDPH has partnered with UCLA to study the impacts these units have had on shelter indoor air quality. Initial base line surveys have been sent out to shelters. Follow up surveys will be sent out soon. We are planning a pilot project with air monitors in shelters in Bay Area County shelters to test the effectiveness of the PAC units.
4.C.31	Analyze data and create a dashboard to increase the availability of health data about people experiencing homelessness, including information about population, mortality, and housing instability among California's birthing population.	Population: analysis of 2014-2024 PIT data in progress; presented preliminary data to H&H workgroup; presented a poster at CDPH's 2025 Epi Forum. Mortality: death data request in progress Births: not started
5.A.4	Finalize and distribute recommendations for water, sanitation, and hygiene services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Ensure local health jurisdictions are aware of and understand the recommendations.	The Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WaSH) recommendations were submitted to Cal HHS for review and approval in late April. This process can take up to 16 weeks.
5.A.13	Strengthen the Public Health Administrative Manual (PHAM) to promote and provide guidance for recruiting, hiring, and retaining individuals with lived experience. Add equity, trauma-informed, and healing-centered engagement to grant requirements.	We have initiated discussions to explore the process for making changes to the PHAM.
5.B.16	Support communities in responding to climate change by working on projects such as developing public health strategies in partnership with the Center for Preparedness and Response (CPR) that are inclusive of the needs of people experiencing homelessness,	Have had initial conversations with the CPR Health Equity Liaison. Will start formal planning in late May.

	improving air quality in congregate shelter, and responding to extreme weather.	
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Section 3: Other Program Updates

The CDPH Housing & Homelessness working group hosted a Housing First training in May to CDPH staff in partnership with CAL ICH staff, LEAB members, and a community-based organization. Over 100 staff attended, and the training was well received.

The Housing & Homelessness Research Scientist presented about the indoor air quality improvement project at the 2025 Annual Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologist (CSTE) Conference: "Improving Indoor Air Quality in Congregate Homelessness Shelters: Implementation of a Large-Scale Environmental Health Intervention" in Grand Rapids, MI in June.

California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	DOR Transition and Diversion Grant Program: Provide institutional transition and diversion services for people with disabilities, including for youth, individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, and for those displaced by disasters.	
1.A.10	Provide institutional transition and diversion services for people with disabilities including youth, individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and those displaced by disasters. Partner with State Independent Living Council.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple centers provide diversion services through programs such as the Community Living Fund (CLF), disaster response programs (e.g., DDAR, PG&E), and shallow housing subsidies. • Supports include eviction prevention, relocation assistance, temporary hotel stays, shallow deposits, and home modifications. • Disaster-related assistance provided during wildfires and other emergencies, including direct coordination with Red Cross, local authorities, and other ILCs. • Examples include mobility device repair for unhoused individuals to prevent institutionalization and providing portable ramps for seniors to remain in their homes.

1.B.29	Structure programs to focus on integrating employment support across the spectrum of housing interventions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some centers integrate employment navigation into housing stability efforts, linking consumers to training programs, job search assistance, and older adult employment services. Partners include YWCA, local employment agencies, and community action programs. Several centers do not directly integrate employment into housing but refer to job centers or external workforce programs.
1.B.30	Pilot efforts to improve continuum of services for youth with disabilities to decrease justice involvement and to transition to independent living, education, and employment. Integrate innovative approaches across service delivery systems and initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services for youth include IEP and 504 advocacies, assistance with benefits and financial aid applications, and navigation of school accommodations. Programs provide life skills, financial literacy training, and emergency preparedness education. Specialized case management (e.g., Community Navigator Program) targets underrepresented groups, such as Spanish-speaking youth eligible for Regional Center services. Some centers have limited direct youth engagement due to small staffing or the presence of specialized youth programs in their regions.
1.B.31	Address housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining access to information by advancing a No Wrong Door system approach, in support of Californians remaining in their own homes and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressed through home modifications, AT installation, and eviction prevention to help individuals remain in their homes.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some services embedded in county aging programs (e.g., ADRC and AAA partnerships). In addition to home modifications and eviction prevention already noted, some centers' shallow deposit programs, portable ramps, and targeted supports for seniors (e.g., AT Manager & ADRC diversion services) fit here. Disaster displacement assistance for older adults and PWD also supports the "remaining in homes/communities" goal
1.C.37	Connect CoCs across California with DOR employment services, as well as disability and aging network partners, to improve coordination of services for individuals with disabilities who experience homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong partnerships reported with local CoCs, housing authorities, behavioral health agencies, nonprofits, and legal aid providers. Participation in policy and advisory committees on homelessness, older adults, and justice advocacy. Collaboration includes MOU agreements with county and city housing programs, and work with agencies like the HOT Team for mobility device interventions to prevent institutionalization.
2.A.13	Develop and strengthen collaboration with state agencies and external businesses around their hiring, retention, and advancement of employment of people with disabilities with lived experience, including youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited specific activity: most employment efforts are linked to broader housing stability or youth transition programs.
2.A.17	Strengthen coordination across systems for people with disabilities who are institutionalized or are transitioning out of corrections settings. Ensure that services supporting reentry into the community include a focus on employment and independent living.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some centers assist individuals exiting correctional facilities with housing and services, including providing disability-related supports needed for release.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach to incarcerated individuals via resource packets and correspondence.
2.B.24	Embed DOR employment services into housing programs to stabilize people experiencing homelessness through secure employment and increased incomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few centers report direct embedding; employment is more often provided via referrals or in parallel to housing supports.
2.B.25	Embed Independent Living Centers, Traumatic Brain Injury, Older Individuals Who Are Blind, and Assistive Technology programs and services into housing programs. Assist people who are unhoused with securing supports and increasing independent living skills as they transition to permanent housing.	<p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food pantry and mail services for unhoused individuals. • Home modification programs to divert from institutionalization. • Mobility device repair embedded in homeless outreach and shelter partnerships. • Occasional on-site workshops at shelters.
3.A.3	Document recommendations of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee and elevate relevant recommendations for the next iteration of the Master Plan on Aging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct updates reported beyond participation in local advisory committees.
4.A.6	Align Independent Living Center definitions within HDIS for people that are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not specifically addressed in responses.
5.A.14	Provide guidance on best practices for serving people with disabilities within state-funded homelessness services and programs to improve cultural competency and capacity.	<p>Centers collaborate with local agencies to identify and address barriers such as AT needs, housing modifications, and service coordination.</p> <p>Several examples qualify here:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing expertise with shelter operators and other agencies. • Hosting on-site workshops at shelters. • Offering eviction prevention strategies and housing navigation tips to partners.
5.B.18	Identify and implement models that integrate person-centered employment	Limited formal models, though some centers combine IL supports with housing

	and independent living services into programs serving people who are experiencing homelessness.	<p>stabilization, especially through AT provision and skill-building activities.</p> <p>While many said employment was not embedded, there are still examples like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pantry job training for youth. • Financial literacy workshops for students with disabilities. • Pairing AT provision with other IL skill-building.
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Section 3: Other Program Updates

DOR Cal ICH Quarterly Report on Homelessness August 2025

Inland Empire District:

Quarterly Update on District Efforts to Address Homelessness

This quarter, our district has maintained its focus on strengthening partnerships to support homeless individuals and youth. Key highlights include:

Collaboration with County and Inter-City Agencies (San Bernardino)

Community Resource Navigator (CRN) continues to serve as the single point of contact (SPOC) for most collaboration/engagement meetings with various departments and attends the quarterly meetings to sustain connections with partner agencies. We continue our active involvement with the County Homeless Partnership and the Interagency Council on Homelessness. CRN is involved with representing DOR in the San Bernardino Continuum of Care (COC) Inclusion Advisory Committee. As San Bernardino has the highest percentage of homeless individuals, there is an urgency to cultivate a rapid response for DOR consumers introduced to this issue. As a result, the CoC has begun its development, and CRN has the desire to fully support the program. CRN continues to work with the San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services and Mountain Regional Steering Committee. During the month of July, CRN was able to collaborate with SBCOHS to successfully house a family of 4 who were homeless for 4+ weeks.

Partnership/Involvement with National Alliance to End Homelessness

CRN has begun to collaborate with the NAEH to advocate for DOR consumers who are impacted by the recent federal legislation regarding the Social Security disability benefits, SI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery Technical Assistance Center (SOAR). Effective August 18, the SOAR TA Center will close and many communities including Riverside County, will be affected. This program helps states and communities end homelessness for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance through implementation of state and local-level SOAR programs at no cost to the communities. CRN is trying to make consumers aware on what to do before and how to proceed after the closing date.

County-Wide Collaboration

The DOR remains committed to collaborating with both local and neighboring counties to enhance resource networks and expand support services for individuals experiencing homelessness. As the hot season is upon us, many individuals are contacting CRN simply for cooling centers, which is only explained by the recent weather changes. These centers have seen a wide capacity limit, but programs are doing their best to implement a fair opportunity. We continue to seek and reach out to address departmental needs as well as local and countywide.

Redwood Empire District:

Initiatives implemented (and participating partners)

Annual Homeless Job & Resource Fair

What: Fourth-year job and resource fair for persons who are unhoused or at risk.

When & Where: October 8, 2025, at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Partners: Sonoma County Health & Human Services (HHS), a broad coalition of local employers (retailers, hospitality, health-care providers), workforce boards, and community-based organizations.

Background: Although Sonoma County Job Link was unable to participate this year due to local structural changes, we secured the venue on August 4th and have convened weekly planning meetings with all partners to lock in logistics and outreach. Last year's fair drew over 300 attendees and was covered by the Press Democrat. We will have our CRN onsite to enroll unhoused individuals into the coordinated entry system to get them on the housing waiting lists. We will have staff onsite to provide resume and printing of resumes, as well as mock interviews and orientation to DOR services.

Housing- and unhoused-focused webinars or conferences

To date, our district has not hosted a stand-alone housing webinar. However, team members participated in the 2025 California Homelessness Prevention Conference (May 2025) to share best practices on cross-agency collaboration.

Staff training on serving people experiencing homelessness

In preparation for the fair in October, we developed a "Trauma-Informed Engagement" training module for all DOR staff and volunteers, delivered in collaboration with Sonoma County Behavioral Health in July 2025. This two-hour workshop covered:

Understanding the impact of housing instability

Safe, respectful outreach techniques

Referral pathways to shelter, health, and benefits resources

California Tribal events/training/webinars

Through our direct-service contract with the Pinoleville Pomo Nation, we co-hosted a Culturally Responsive Employment Services workshop in July 2025, focused on tailoring vocational supports for tribal members experiencing housing barriers. In July we officially executed the student services Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation contract, and we now have a student services kick off planned for October 22nd and 23rd in the

Ukiah office. The 22nd will include tribal government leaders and students talking about their experiences/successes/barriers developing employment opportunities for tribal youth. On the 23rd, DOR will convene with the Tribal government VR team to discuss goals for the first year of the student services contract. In attendance will likely be Elizabeth Musgrove, Shayn Anderson, Nigel Davis, as well as myself representing DOR and presenting on a variety of topics.

Golden Gate Silicon Valley District:

San Mateo County Collaborations:

LifeMoves – We are working on re-establishing this collaboration under a different approach due to being short staffed and not having a designated counselor. Instead of doing a dual intake with Caminar to serve the residents of LifeMoves. Caminar will be doing an intake and then referring to DOR. We still get direct referrals from LifeMoves as well.

Home Program at Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) – VRS is one of our CRPs and their Home Program has job developers who provide employment services as well other staff who provide other services like housing. Some of the consumers qualify for the Mental Health Coop Services. They often refer consumers to DOR.

San Francisco Collaborations:

Episcopal Community Services (ECS) – They have a new SAMSA Federal Grant to serve people with MH, Substance Use Disorder and experiencing homelessness (in shelter programs and permanent supportive housing). One of the requirements of the grant is for participants to meet with a VR counselor once a month. We are in the exploration stage of creating a collaborative effort between DOR and ECS.

Santa Clara County

LifeMoves - Designated QRP taken ongoing referrals for local SJ homeless consumers

New Collaborations

Meeting setup for Abode - they have a program of 20 homeless individuals who have 18 months to find permanent employment to keep their subsidy housing. Meeting scheduled for this month with directors

Greater Los Angeles District:

- **Initiatives & Partners:** Connected 41 individuals to housing and related resources through the CRN and engaged in partnerships with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition, Resilient Agency, St. John's, HOPICS, Department of Mental Health Rio Hondo Centro De Bienestar, and other ongoing partners. Our Student Services Team participated in local Transitional Age Youth (TAY) meetings and supported Los Angeles Job Corps students with DOR enrollment to promote housing and economic stability.
- **Webinars/Conferences:** Attended SPA 6 TAY Care Coordination meetings, ChirpLA Network, Project Impact (Mayor's Office of Community Safety), PACT meetings, Justice Care and Opportunities Department events, and National Alliance to End Homelessness webinars.
- **Staff Training:** CRN delivered biannual training to staff on best practices for serving individuals experiencing homelessness, including case study reviews.

- **Additional Efforts:** Planning future partnerships with St. Joseph Center, Above and Beyond Housing, UCLA Care Center, Pacific Clinics, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE), and LA Family Housing. Upcoming participation in The Source: PATH & Norwalk Public Library resource fair and Forging Forward community forum.

Los Angeles South Bay District:

Northern Los Angeles County resources helping the unhoused acquire the skills and resources necessary to succeed in the workplace and become fully reintegrated into our society.

Participating partners: Targeted Local Hire Program (<https://llocalhire.lacity.org/target-local-hire>) and the Bridge to Jobs Program (<https://llocalhire.lacity.org/bridge-jobs>), and partnering with the City's local WorkSource Centers (<https://www.sbwib.org/home>), Community-Based Organizations, and educational institutions.

Upcoming Trainings or Webinars regarding housing

- Los Angeles Regional Re-entry Partnership (LARRP), Housing Committee, September 26 at 10:00AM, Collaborate with partners to address housing barriers and reentry-focused housing solutions
- DOR-South Bay District Resource/Employment Fair, October 29th Themed: National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM). This event will include housing agencies and housing resources amongst other services/resources.

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Program	NOFA Release Date	Application Due Date	Available, Funding	Eligible Applicants	Additional Information/Contact Info
Housing Support Program (HSP)	June 11, 2025	July 11, 2025	\$95 million	Counties	All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) dated June 11, 2025 notifies All County Welfare Directors of planning allocations available for counties to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through CalWORKs HSP for FY 2025-26.
Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)	June 16, 25	July 25, 2025	\$22 million	Counties	ACWDL dated June 16, 2025 notifies All County Welfare Directors of planning allocations available for counties to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through HDAP for FY 2025-26.
Bringing Families Home (BFH), HDAP, and the Home Safe Program	Fall 2025	TBA	\$209.4 million	Counties and Tribal grantees	<p>ACWDL dated July 30, 2025, notifies All County Welfare Directors and Tribal Grantees in California that the Budget Act of 2025 appropriated a total of \$209.4 million in one-time funds for the BFH Program, the HDAP, and the Home Safe Program. This includes \$81 million for BFH, \$44.6 million for HDAP, and \$83.8 million for Home Safe.</p> <p>The tribal set-aside is proposed to be 5% of the total funds of the allocations for participating programs. For BFH, that is \$3.8 million. For HDAP, that is \$2.1 million (in addition to what has already been set aside as recurring funds, which is \$3 million in the FY 25-26 budget). For Home Safe, that is \$3.9 million.</p>

Event	Date	Notes
Transitional Housing Placement Program - CDSS Children and Family Services (CFSD) Quarter 3 Policy Update	August 7, 2025	Webinar to provide Technical Assistance (TA) related to changes in Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP)

		regulation policy that took effect in 2025. Opportunity for county child welfare, county probation, Tribes, and service providers to ask questions regarding the new changes.
Tribal Program Update Survey Webinar	August 20, 2025	HHD will host a webinar to provide TA to tribal grantees on how to complete the first iteration of the program update survey for BFH, Home Safe, and HDAP programs.
Central Coast Regional Convening	September 11-12, 2025	CDSS will host a Regional Convening and Community of Practice in Santa Barbara on September 11-12, 2025, to strengthen regional collaboration and improve the delivery of housing and homelessness services across county grantees in the Central Coast operating the CalWORKs HSP, BFH, Home Safe, and/or the HDAP. The Central Coast Regional Convening is designed to help grantees foster regional partnerships, share effective strategies, and enhance program outcomes to address homelessness and housing instability for families, older adults, and individuals with disabilities.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Community Care Expansion: Funds the expansion and preservation of licensed adult and senior care facilities, permanent supportive housing, recuperative care, and other housing options with supportive services for vulnerable older adults and adults with disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness including through a tribal set aside.	<p>As of July 2025, eight of the 61 CCE-funded Capital Expansion projects, representing 519 new beds/units, have completed construction and are in the process of initiating move-in, and an additional 14 projects, representing 811 beds/units have also broken ground.</p> <p>In addition to the Capital Expansion program funds, CDSS awarded \$247 million one-time, non-competitive allocations (\$141 million in Capital Projects and \$106 million in Operating Subsidy Payments) to 34 counties through the CCE Preservation Program. As of July</p>

		<p>2025, 158 licensed residential adult and senior care facilities at risk of closure have contracted with 21 counties to preserve 4,191 beds through the CCE Preservation Program.</p> <p>On May 6, 2025, CDSS published a case study on San Diego County's Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program, which received \$16.6 million in CCE funding to support 10 Adult Residential Facilities in preserving 440 beds and units, including 333 bed and units for individuals with serious mental illnesses.</p> <p>On June 18, 2025, CDSS published a case study on Los Angeles County's Community Care Expansion (CCE) Preservation Program, which has received over \$97 million in Preservation funding to help protect residential care facilities and expand services for older adults and individuals living with serious mental illness.</p> <p>On July 11, 2025, CDSS released a press release highlighting CCE projects in Chico and Berkeley that will provide more than 70 housing units to help older adults and individuals with disabilities exit homelessness or prevent them from entering homelessness.</p> <p>On August 8, 2025, CDSS released a press release that detailed significant progress on two groundbreaking housing initiatives funded through the CCE program: renovation work has begun at REGIS Village in Alameda County, spearheaded by Bay Area Community Services (BACS), and construction has officially commenced on the Pacific Village Platinum Campus in San Bernardino County, led by San Bernardino County. Kim Johnson, Secretary of the California Health and Human Services Agency, spoke of these successes and the impact of the CCE program in this video.</p> <p>CDSS offers technical assistance to counties participating in the CCE Preservation Program including a learning collaborative webinar for grantees on May 29, 2025, covering fair housing and on July 31, 2025,</p>
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		covering risk assessment and landscape analysis.
Strategic Investment	CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties provide flexible housing-related support, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in the CalWORKs program.	<p>Since the program's inception in 2014 through January 30, 2025 (the most recently available data), more than 94,000 families were served by HSP (some of these families may still be receiving HSP). Of those, 49,300 were permanently housed through HSP. For the first two quarters of FY 2024-25 (July 2024 through January 2025), 53% of families exited HSP to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>As of FY 2024-25, a total of 56 counties were funded to operate HSP.</p> <p>On June 25, 2025, CDSS hosted a webinar to review HSP planning allocations for FY 2025-26, including Funding Terms and Conditions announced in the ACWDL dated June 11, 2025.</p>
Strategic Investment	CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA): Provides payments for families in the CalWORKs program for temporary shelter for up to 16 days, to secure or maintain housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages.	From July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, over 59,900 families were approved for temporary HA and over 10,000 families were approved for permanent HA.
Strategic Investment	Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation, rental assistance, and legal services, to individuals likely eligible for disability benefits who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness.	<p>Since HDAP's inception in FY 2017-18 through September 30, 2024 (the most recently available data), over 31,300 people were served and over 8,700 people were permanently housed. Based on FY 2024-25 Q1 data (July 2024 through September 2024), 49% of HDAP participants exited to permanent housing across the state excluding Los Angeles County data (due to data tracking and reporting challenges). By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>In addition, since program inception, over 30,400 disability applications have been</p>

		<p>submitted, and over 6,100 disability applications were approved. HDAP has a 77% approval rate for disposed disability benefits applications. By comparison, the average rate of approval for initial SSI or SSDI benefits specifically is 35% nationally.</p> <p>At the start of FY 2024-25, a total of 57 counties and 19 tribal grantees were funded to operate HDAP statewide, although some of these county programs scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations made in FY 2021 and 2022. Given the new one-time funds of \$44.6 million appropriated for HDAP in FY 25-26 that are available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028, CDSS will continue to provide TA to grantees that scaled down or closed to support quick and effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees.</p> <p>On July 7, 2025, CDSS hosted a webinar to review the ACWDL dated June 16, 2025, that announced HDAP planning allocations for FY 2025-26, including Director’s Certification requirements.</p>
Strategic Investment	Home Safe: State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to individuals in the Adult Protective Services (APS) intake process, or those who may be served through a tribe, or tribal entity or agency, and are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness for reasons of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation as determined by APS or tribal agency.	<p>Since Home Safe’s inception in 2018 through September 30, 2024 (the most recently available data), over 15,600 people were served, and more than 6,800 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided. In Q1 FY 2024-25, 61% of Home Safe participants exited to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>At the start of FY 2024-25, all 58 counties and 23 tribal grantees operated a Home Safe Program, although some of these county programs scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. Given the new one-time funding of \$83.8 million appropriated for Home Safe in FY 25-26 that is available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028, CDSS will continue to provide TA to</p>

		<p>grantees that scaled down or closed to support quick and effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees.</p> <p>In FY 2023-24, Home Safe served 34% of the Adult Protective Services (APS) population with identified housing needs.</p> <p>From May 1 to June 12, HHD hosted weekly office hours to support Home Safe grantees reporting data using the Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution (HHDRS), the integrated cloud-based reporting system for HHD’s housing and homelessness programs.</p> <p>On June 25, 2025, HHD hosted a Home Safe All Grantee Call for county and tribal grantees to share Budget and HHDRS updates, to host a panel of county grantees that have successfully supported their program participants in stabilizing in permanent housing, and to discuss how to address common barriers and challenges to securing permanent housing for participants.</p>
Strategic Investment	<p>Bringing Families Home (BFH): State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to eligible families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness who are in the child welfare system or who receive child welfare services in accordance with tribal law or customs.</p>	<p>Since the program’s inception in 2017 through September 30, 2024 (the most recently available data), over 9,800 families were served and over 4,800 families were permanently housed through BFH. In Q1 of FY 2024-25, 59% of BFH participants exited to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023-24.</p> <p>At the start of FY 2024-25, a total of 53 counties and 25 Tribal Grantees were funded to operate BFH statewide, although some county programs scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. Given the new one-time funding of \$81.0 million appropriated for BFH in FY 25-26 that is available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028, CDSS will continue to provide TA to grantees that scaled down or closed to support quick and</p>

		<p>effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees.</p> <p>From April 29 to June 10, HHD hosted weekly office hours to support HHDRS users in BFH data reporting.</p> <p>On June 18, 2025, HHD hosted a BFH All Grantee Call for county and tribal grantees to provide Budget and HHDRS updates, as well as an overview of CalAIM, including the CalAIM “Housing Trio” of Community Supports and guidance for how CalAIM can be leveraged to support the housing stability of BFH families.</p>
Strategic Investment	<p>Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot Program: Provides grants to eligible entities that provide a guaranteed income to participants, with funding prioritized for pilot programs that serve individuals who age out of extended foster care at or after 21 years of age, pregnant individuals, or older adults. GI participants must also be low-income residents of California.</p>	<p>As of October 2024, the seven CDSS-funded pilot programs serving former foster youth and pregnant individuals across California’s major regions completed enrollment. They offered guaranteed income payments of \$600 to \$1200 per month for 12 to 18 months to nearly 2,000 participants. Some participants concluded their payment programs and all support for the participants will end by April 2026.</p> <p>For the GI Pilot for Older Adults, the California Department of Social Services selected GiveDirectly as the intended grantee, with enrollment anticipated to begin in Summer 2026. The program will serve low-income adults aged 60 or older, with the goal of advancing guaranteed income as a “bridge” to longer-term supports, focusing on housing and income security.</p>
Strategic Investment	<p>Transitional Housing Placement Program: Offers transitional housing placements to 18 - 21-year-old non-minor dependents in Extended Foster Care (THP-NMD) and young adults that exited the foster care system on or after age 18, currently between ages 21-25 for up to 36 cumulative months (THP-Plus).</p>	<p>The Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Policy Unit in the Child and Family Services Division (CFSD) continues to provide ongoing technical assistance to counties, providers, community agencies, and current/former foster youth related to the transitional housing program. This includes offering potential providers with information and resources necessary for becoming certified/licensed in their local community. This also includes connecting potential participants (current/former foster youth) with local county coordinators for the facilitation of program admission. On June 24, 2025 CDSS</p>

		published ACIN I-30-25 ; which provides information to county agencies and Tribes on changes to Transitional Housing Placement Programs (THPP) regulations established through Assembly Bill 2802.
1.A.4	Utilize listening sessions, feedback opportunities, and formal Tribal consultation processes, as appropriate, to ensure intentional, structured engagement on guidelines for and implementation of CDSS Housing and Homelessness programs for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, consortia, and entities. Offer clear guidance on the Tribal waiver process to address regulatory or programmatic barriers specific to Tribal grantees, thereby enhancing program access and effectiveness.	Refer to Section 3.B.11 for relevant updates.
1.B.31	Address housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining access to information by advancing a No Wrong Door system approach, in support of Californians remaining in their own homes and communities.	CDSS is an active member of the No Wrong Door (NWD) State Leadership Council which is led by the Department of Aging (CDA), the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and other state partners. As new NWD resources are developed through this Council, CDSS will continue working with CDA, DOR, and other state partners to determine how best to share CDSS program information across new resource platforms.
1.B.34	Continue expanding the statewide CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program to increase access to food for CalFresh Program participants experiencing homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between December 2024 and June 2025, the RMP expanded by 456 restaurants, significantly increasing food access to CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. As of June 2025, there are 6,015 active RMP restaurants within 50 California counties. As of July 2024, 567,538 CalFresh recipients experiencing homelessness were being served by the RMP. ** As of December 2024, an estimated \$6,881,715 in CalFresh dollars were spent on RMP transactions by CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. As of December 2024, there were an estimated 425,496 transactions by RMP Households experiencing homelessness.

		<p>NOTE: These estimates rely on the assumption that RMP participants experiencing homelessness use the program at roughly the same rate as other RMP participants, and that CalFresh RMP population rates remain steady over time.</p> <p>** Due to timeline for submission, Program used population data as of July 2024 to calculate RMP program usage as of December 2024.</p>
1.C.39	Provide technical assistance to support connections between non-minor dependents, former foster youth, and county and community agencies to assist eligible youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness to access housing programs and Independent Living Programs which may lead to them obtaining permanent housing.	<p>The Transition Age Youth (TAY) Policy Unit within CFSD continues to provide technical assistance to county agencies, Tribes, current and former foster youth, Transitional Housing Program providers, and community agencies. Technical Assistance includes but is not limited to providing policy guidance and support, connecting youth and former youth to county and community agencies to assist with their specific housing needs, and connecting youth and former youth to their local Independent Living Programs (ILP).</p> <p>On May 5, the TAY Policy unit cohosted the CFSD Peer Partner Program Overview and Training webinar in collaboration with UC Davis Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice. This training provided attendees with information regarding the importance of incorporating youth voice in policy development and program implementation for programs related to Independent Living and Housing, amongst others.</p> <p>On May 20, 2025, the TAY Policy unit presented at the CDSS Ombudsperson's Virtual Resource Fair. Attendees (which included current and former foster youth as well as service providers) learned about varying resources available to current and former foster youth including housing options and how to connect with their local counties for further information.</p>
3.B.11	Provide pre-application and other technical assistance and training opportunities, participate in listening or feedback sessions, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance access to State homelessness and	Tribal "Community of Practice" (CoP) technical assistance (TA) meetings for tribal grantees operating Home Safe, BFH and HDAP are held bi-monthly by Change Well Project, CDSS's contracted TA provider, to discuss program updates, technical

	housing programs and resources, and other support services, for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal consortium, and Tribal entities in California.	<p>assistance needs, and key issues affecting tribal communities. These CoP meetings support participating tribal grantees in reviewing their progress, addressing challenges, and ensuring alignment with program policies, funding requirements, and best practices. Change Well Project and CDSS also continue to provide both intensive and light-touch support on a wide variety of program implementation and refinement activities through one-on-one TA with tribal grantees and other group learning opportunities.</p> <p>On May 14, 2025, HHD hosted a BFH Program Overview Webinar for Tribal Grantees as an optional training on BFH program information, including but not limited to: program background, program eligibility, funding history, allowable expenses, invoicing, core components, and resources.</p> <p>Resources for Tribal grantees, including invoicing templates, have been added to HHD's Tribal Grantee webpage.</p>
4.B.14	Share findings, insights, and lessons learned from Project Roomkey, Home Safe, and Bringing Families Home evaluations to inform and strengthen local homelessness response efforts.	

Section 3: Other Department Updates

<u>Other</u>	<u>Release Date</u>	<u>Description</u>
All Tribal Leaders Letter (ATLL) dated August 1, 2025	August 01, 2025	Notifies participating Tribes, tribal organizations, tribal consortia, and tribally led nonprofits about the requirement to complete the Tribal Program Update survey for the Bringing Families Home program, the Home Safe program, and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program.

California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
SMI CalAdvisor launch	August 6, 2025	Supports 5. A.12

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Community Based Restoration (CBR) Program: Expands the number of residential treatment options to support community placement for individuals who have been deemed Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) on felony charges. Provides interim housing or facility placement with wrap around treatment and supports for up to two years, including planning for long term housing and treatment needs post-CBR participation.	As of August 2025, DSH has executed a contract with one small county CBR for 8 beds and is in contract negotiations with two additional counties interested in combined CBR/Diversion programs with a total of 85 beds for both program types. This expansion is in addition to the combined CBR and Diversion program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19 and has expanded to a total of 1,005 beds by the end of 2024-25.
Strategic Investment	Conditional Release Program (CONREP): Implements additional residential treatment opportunities to support the safe transition of individuals from the state hospital to community treatment.	As of August 2025, DSH has contracted with multiple providers to operate a 60-bed Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) program across two regions of the state to serve individuals transitioning from a state hospital to the community via CONREP. DSH is in negotiations to expand the current program by up to 30 additional beds in FY 2026-27.
Strategic Investment	DSH Diversion Program: A collaboration between DSH and county governments to develop or expand diversion programs for individuals with serious mental illness who face felony charges and have been determined to be incompetent to stand trial, the program provides funding to counties to	As of May 2025, DSH has executed contracts with 19 counties and commenced contract negotiations with an additional 12 counties to contract for permanent Diversion programs and two counties to contract for combined Diversion/CBR programs that will provide 729 Diversion-only and 85 Diversion/CBR treatment slots annually.

	support community mental health treatment and other services for these individuals.	This expansion is in addition to the combined Diversion and CBR program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19 and has expanded to a total of 1,005 beds by the end of 2024-25.
Strategic Investment	IST Solutions Infrastructure Program: Expands the availability of residential treatment and interim housing by up to 5,000 beds statewide to support ongoing sustainable diversion and community-based restoration programs for individuals with serious mental illness who have been found incompetent to stand trial.	As of August 2025, 12 award letters have been issued to counties and one award letter has been issued to a Community Based Organization for infrastructure projects with proposed total capacity across the state of 1,612 beds to support permanent Diversion and CBR programs.
1.B.15	Support older adults transitioning to community living from incarceration or other secured settings, leveraging opportunities through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and other state programs.	DSH has established pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment processes and contacts with all 58 counties for state hospital patients 65 years and older to improve continuity of care and connects to health and social services. Specific to Los Angeles County, DSH has improved processes to secure Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) placement when needed, in advance of discharge through centralizing DSH coordination with the county's long-term care (LTC) district 80. In addition, DSH continues to foster connections to Medicare enrollment counseling for older adults ensuring patients understand the benefit to timely Medicare/Medicaid enrollment.
1.B.17	Explore opportunities created through CalAIM to increase continuity of care and access to community behavioral health resources after treatment in the Department of State Hospitals.	DSH continues to monitor implementation of 90-day jail in reach services and directly engaging county partners to identify potential adjustments to DSH protocols to enhance continuity of care for patients released to the community after discharging from a DSH treatment program to a jail setting.
2.A.16	Strengthen collaborative efforts across state entities to prevent experiences of homelessness among people on parole supervision exiting Department of State Hospitals settings.	Over the last three quarters, DSH has strengthened its partnership and communication with local parole offices to support the discharge planning process for state hospital patients committed as an offender with mental health disorder (Penal Code 2962). DSH participates in monthly CARE Call for Statewide Petitioners workgroup to share information and experience with CDCR stakeholders to assist

		with the filing of petitions by CDCR for patients committed as an offender with a mental disorder (Penal Code 2962) court ordered released to parole.
3.C.29	Optimize discharge planning in partnership with counties to allow for continuity of treatment when individuals are released from jail or referred to a Community, Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Program.	<p>DSH has established standardized processes to coordinate the submission of CARE petitions for eligible IST patients discharging from the state hospitals. As of August 2025, DSH continues working with its Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS) and Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) providers to pilot an expansion of CARE petition and related discharge coordination efforts.</p> <p>DSH has also established a standardized discharge packet of information for patients committed as incompetent to stand trial (IST). The information packet is currently provided to county jails upon discharge from a state hospital, and processes are being finalized for DSH to share the standardized packet with county behavioral health departments when planning for ongoing community care upon release from jail.</p> <p>DSH has established a process to provide County Behavioral Health with a Notification of Release letter for all state hospital patients deemed incompetent to stand trial at the time of discharge.</p>
4.B.16	Evaluate Diversion and Community -Based Restoration program outcomes, ensure collection of client and service-level data, and find opportunities to link HDIS and DSH data to evaluate programs.	DSH has partnered with Policy Research Associates to conduct a phased evaluation of DSH's community continuum of care for IST treatment. In Phase 1 of the program evaluation, PRA analyzed quantitative services and outcome data for the IST pilot diversion program. Additionally, they interviewed staff at the county behavioral health programs and justice partners to provide qualitative data for their analyses. Because the pilot program continues until June 2025, a final report for that initial retrospective outcome evaluation of the pilot IST diversion program is not yet available.

		<p>Currently, PRA is conducting the groundwork for Phase 2, which is the prospective evaluation of the permanent diversion programs and community-based restoration. As part of this, they have actively assisted in developing the permanent data dictionary, optimizing data collection, and conducting site visits with several of the counties who will be transitioning from the pilot to the permanent program.</p>
5.A.12	<p>Expand current educational, training, and technical assistance opportunities for local partners to address the housing and treatment needs of people in pre-trial mental health diversion or Community- Based Restoration (CBR) programs. Support local partners' planning for transitioning diversion or transitioning CBR clients to long-term/permanent housing and treatment.</p>	<p>As of August 2025, DSH has one training project under development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSH continues to work with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), to expand its training and technical assistance, related to the treatment of IST population and supporting DSH's continuum of care, using diverse formats such as webinars, lectures, and on-demand courses through an online educational platform. The educational opportunities will support treatment and housing providers and the broader IST stakeholder community (i.e., Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Courts/Judges, County Behavioral Health, etc.). As of August 2025, the educational platform is live.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Caltrans Encampment Training Academy (ETA)	September 24-25, 2025	The ETA is an annual training that focuses on the office's updated policies, procedures, and best practices in addressing encampments on the state ROW.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
1.A.2	Co-lead Transportation and Housing Coordination Workgroup, to pursue opportunities to create more affordable and transit-oriented housing development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Caltrans Transportation and Housing workgroup is on pause. CARB has contracted with UC Berkeley to work on Anti-Displacement. They are working on an anti-displacement policy tool, and they are completing a literature review. (I've attached the slides from the last quarterly check-in.) AB 130 and SB 131 have passed. These bills list affordable housing as a method of VMT mitigation and link affordable housing to VMT mitigation banks. https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/06/30/governor-newsom-signs-into-law-groundbreaking-reforms-to-build-more-housing-affordability/ <p>The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) is working on VMT mitigation bank guidance and will be giving the Division of Transportation Planning an update on their work at an upcoming meeting.</p>
1.A.9	Deploy Encampment Coordinators throughout each of Caltrans's 12 district jurisdictions to help coordinate community partnerships and strengthen responses for people experiencing homelessness on the state right of way.	<p>Caltrans Office of Homelessness and Encampments (OHE) has placed District Encampment Coordinators (DECs) in every Caltrans District in the state including multiple coordinators in our largest districts.</p> <p>DECs aim to protect and maintain the state's transportation network by removing</p>

		encampments from the state Right of Way and connecting people experiencing homelessness (PEH) with safer solutions through collaboration with local and state experts.
3.B.17	Identify appropriate Tribal partners in each Caltrans District who can provide support to local services providers who meet unsheltered members of Tribal communities.	<p>Caltrans OHE has created a map layer of the tribal HHAP grants that is available for Districts and others to identify areas covered by grants that support Native American communities.</p> <p>OH&E has developed a section of the Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide that details the Caltrans District Native American Liaisons (DNAL) and District Native American Coordinators (DNAC).</p>
3.C.20	Implement quality assurance strategies, including strengthening regular training, to implement Caltrans's Encampment Coordinators Reference Guide and Maintenance Policy Directive 1001R. Strengthen partnerships to respond to risks and needs of people in encampments on Caltrans-controlled property.	<p>Caltrans' Maintenance Policy Directive 1001-R1 reflects the department's holistic approach to addressing homelessness and encampments on the state ROW.</p> <p>OH&E has implemented the following actions to deliver on this action item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular updates to the Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide are made as needed. • Briefings are conducted during monthly statewide meetings to familiarize maintenance staff and others with the new policies. • Quarterly one-on-one meetings are held with each District to share information and improve our processes. • A landing page on the Caltrans intranet has been developed that houses resources, including guidance documents, so that staff has easy access to these materials. • A statewide Encampment Training Academy (ETA) is held annually bringing together headquarters staff, district encampment coordinators, and external partners to strategize and exchange information. The ETA focuses on the office's updated policies, procedures, and best practices in addressing encampments on the state ROW.

3.C.21	Work with partners to use available Caltrans property for temporary emergency shelter.	<p>Caltrans has created a master list of available excess parcels that have high potential for shelter lease utilization by local partners for all Caltrans-controlled property in the state. Shelter leases are generally managed by the District Airspace Lease Coordinator in Right of Way.</p> <p>Local partners are also engaged to identify property that may not be on our master list. District ROW staff provide a rapid response to help address proposals coming in from locals and determine more quickly if properties can be used for shelters.</p> <p>Caltrans also actively engaged with the Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys to promote the department's emergency shelter leases.</p>
3.C.22	Strengthen efforts to provide advance notification to local housing service partners regarding encampment removal activities to coordinate outreach and additional services.	<p>Caltrans provides ongoing training and support through our regular monthly meetings and during one-on-one consultations with DEC's throughout the state.</p> <p>Districts notify outreach partners to request outreach in our encampment removal efforts and with the exception of Level 1 encampment removals when emergency conditions exist that make advance notification impossible, we exceed 99% notification prior to encampment removals.</p> <p>OH&E has developed an encampment tracking and reporting tool called the Caltrans Encampment Removal Tracker (CERT), a GIS application based on the ESRI Survey 123 platform. The tracker will eventually provide for automatic notification to outreach partners when an encampment is discovered to provide additional notification to outreach teams.</p> <p>Additionally, Caltrans has worked with HCD to develop a separate process for collaborating with and notifying ERF grant recipients when removals are planned at sites covered by grant funding.</p>

4.B.15	Conduct an annual statewide encampment survey and assess effectiveness of strategies used to address encampments on Caltrans property.	<p>Caltrans conducts an annual survey to accurately assess the total number of encampments and people experiencing homelessness (PEH) sheltering on the state right of way.</p> <p>The survey involves a thorough assessment of each site, counting all structures, including tents, vehicles, RVs, and other makeshift shelters made of wood, cardboard, or tarps. Even areas without visible structures but showing signs of occupation (e.g., fire pits, subsistence debris, bedding) are considered and counted as encampments.</p> <p>Assessments are conducted from a safe distance using the best judgment to be as accurate as possible. The survey acts as a snapshot, capturing the situation at the time of the count without adjustments for any changes afterward.</p>
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California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Program	NOFA Release Date	Application Due Date	Available, Funding	Eligible Applicants	Additional Information/Contact Info
Homekey +	Amended 08/07/2025	Continuous until funds are exhausted	Veterans \$1,033,000,000	Tribal entities, cities, counties, and all other state, regional, and local public entities, including councils of government, metropolitan planning organizations, public housing authorities, and regional transportation planning agencies designated in Section 29532.1 of the Government Code.	<u>08/07/2025 Amendment</u> - all applications received after the release of the amendment will be prioritized based on the inclusion of veteran-serving units. Additional operating support available to veteran-serving projects via an additional operating award of \$30,000 per veteran-serving unit.
Multifamily Finance Super NOFA - Los Angeles Disaster (wildfire)	07/07/2025	08/21/2025	VHHP \$5,400,000	Awards are limited to Projects located in Los Angeles County to prioritize the immediate affordable housing needs for disaster survivors.	

Event	Date	Notes
VHHP project Grand Opening - Delores Huerta	September 5, 2025	42 farm worker units and 15 veteran units
VHHP project Grand Opening - West LA, Building 404	November 10, 2025	73 unit, all veteran housing

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot: Provides a higher level of	See 5. C.24.

	on-site supportive services for veterans aged 55+ with high-acuity and over who reside in permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects throughout California.	
1.A.12	Implement the Veterans Home master plans to continue providing care and services at eight state facilities across California.	Ongoing
1.B.16	Expand the Justice Involved Veteran Program by partnering with Federal entities to ensure Veterans released from the federal prison system are connected to CalVet and their community-based system of care.	Ongoing
1.C.35	Support Proposition 1 and Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) implementation by collaborating across state departments and agencies, providing coordinated guidance, engaging partners, monitoring implementation and outcomes, and supporting coordination of health, behavioral health, and housing resources at the local level.	<p>Following the passage of Proposition 1 in March 2024, California launched <i>Homekey+</i>, a major initiative to expand supportive housing for veterans. Of the total funding, \$1.033 billion is allocated specifically to create housing for veterans experiencing homelessness. In early July 2025, the Governor announced the first <i>Homekey+</i> awards, totaling \$24.18 million across four projects. These include developments in the City of Modesto, Placer County, and two in Santa Barbara County. Combined, the projects will deliver 208 new units, 64 of which will be reserved for veterans. Applications for <i>Homekey+</i> funding continue to be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis.</p> <p>Each Homekey+ project will serve veterans with qualifying behavioral health conditions and provide comprehensive wraparound services, including individualized case management, in line with housing-first principles.</p>
3.C.26	Coordinate with the US Department of Veterans Affairs programs to connect Veterans to benefits and implement VA homeless programs.	CalVet currently partnering with VA HUD-VASH Regional Coordinator, and when possible, with SSVF grantees to assist potential Homekey+ applicants through pre-application consultations.
3.C.27	Connect local, state, and federal initiatives regarding Veterans experiencing homelessness at events intended to coordinate resources for Veterans experiencing homelessness, such as Stand Downs.	Ongoing
4.A.5	Review VA and local databases with HDIS to compare data on veterans experiencing homelessness.	No update

5.A.3	Continue to develop and deploy Housing First training to sites funded by the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program.	No update
5.C.24	Implement the Veterans Support of Self-Reliance pilot program to identify and evaluate approaches that help aging, highly vulnerable veterans with a history of homelessness who are residing in permanent supportive housing. The goal is to support veterans to thrive within community-based housing with appropriate services and supports.	<p>The <i>Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot Program</i> continues to provide enhanced on-site supportive services for high-acuity veterans aged 55 and older living in permanent supportive housing across California. The program has exceeded its enrollment goal, reaching 429 participants, 101% of the target.</p> <p>According to the second preliminary report from the Pilot's Impact Evaluators, released on July 15, the program is yielding promising outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 63% decrease in missed medical appointments and emergency care usage • 79% reduction in complaints related to cleanliness and clutter • 38% drop in noise and disruptive behavior • Nearly 100% of veterans report receiving three meals a day <p>These results strongly support the program's central goal: that enhanced, tailored services help the most vulnerable veterans remain housed, live independently, and thrive.</p>

Section 3: Other Program Updates

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program

The Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program continues to expand California's affordable and permanent supportive housing resources for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness, particularly in areas of critical need.

In the last quarter, VHHP added 213 supportive housing units for veterans, with 181 of those located in wildfire-affected areas of Los Angeles. These units will offer wraparound services, including individualized case management, medical and behavioral health care, peer support, community engagement, and more—all delivered in safe, stable environments that follow housing-first principles.

To further accelerate recovery, the Multifamily Finance Super NOFA – Los Angeles Disaster (MFSN-LA Disaster) was released in late July, making \$101 million available to rapidly rebuild affordable multifamily rental housing in the Greater Los Angeles region, following the January 2025 wildfire disaster. This includes \$5.4 million in dedicated VHHP funding. Applicants seeking funding under Phase 1 must upload all required documentation to the HCD website by August 21, 2025.

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program: Provides victims/survivors of domestic violence with safe, permanent housing and ongoing, trauma-informed services tailored to address the individual needs of each victim/survivor that allows them to choose how to best rebuild their lives.	Period of Performance (PoP): January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer/Fall 2025.
Investments	Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program: Provides local assistance for comprehensive support services to existing domestic violence providers throughout California, including emergency shelter to victims/survivors of domestic violence and their children.	PoP: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.
Investments	Homeless Youth and Exploitation (HX) Program: Provides comprehensive services to help homeless youth exit street life, with a focus on providing specialized services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation.	PoP: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. The Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity was released July 18, 2025.
Investments	Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program: Provides funding for food, shelter, counseling, and outreach services to locate homeless youth and link them with services, screen for basic health needs, and provide long-term stabilization planning with an emphasis on housing.	PoP: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2026. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget.
Investments	Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot (HY) Program: Provides funding to expand crisis intervention and stabilization services to homeless youth so the immediate crisis these youth face can be resolved, and they can focus on their futures.	PoP: April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2027. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget.
Investments	Specialized Emergency Housing (KE) Program: Expands emergency shelter/emergency housing assistance and provide supportive services for victims/survivors of crime with specialized needs (e.g. elderly, youth, men, disabled, LGBTQIA+, non-English speaking,	PoP: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.

	culturally or religiously marginalized, etc.) who cannot be served through a traditional shelter.	
Investments	Transitional Housing (XH) Program: Provides victims/survivors of crime with transitional/short-term housing assistance and a range of supportive services, including follow-up services that move victims/survivors into permanent housing.	PoP: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Fall 2025.
Investments	Human Trafficking Victim Assistance (HV) Program: Helps human trafficking victims/survivors (sex trafficking and labor trafficking) recover from the trauma they experienced and assist them with reintegrating into society through comprehensive safety and supportive services using a trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, victim/survivor-centered approach.	PoP: April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget.
Investments	Native American Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault (DS) Program: Provides supportive services to Native American women and their children, who are victims/survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.	PoP: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.
2.A.4	Convene the Priority Populations Task Force as a response to natural and man-made disasters, to coordinate state resources, identify and address unmet needs, and ensure comprehensive operational preparedness and response to those at greatest risk, including people who are unhoused.	The PPTF continues to participate in local recovery efforts to support as needed. PPT activities vary and respond to the unique needs for each disaster.
2.A.5	Partner with FEMA Region IX in all facets of emergency management (planning, response, recovery, and mitigation). Coordinate with FEMA Liaison in the State Operations Center during disasters or emergencies and, during federally declared disasters, work with FEMA to facilitate federal response and recovery services.	Continue partnering with FEMA and other state/federal agencies in response to the 2025 LA wildfires.

3.C.24	Engage Emergency Operations Centers, local communities, and Tribal partners to include their unhoused populations into emergency operations plans.	<p>The DEI office is available to assist the Community Planning Unit at Cal OES to ensure that local emergency plans are inclusive and provide TA to local government as needed.</p> <p>Counties will be required to include efforts and strategies to engage the unhoused population as a part of their local emergency plan. Cal OES continuously reviews the operation plans and provides feedback and support to strengthen this response. Cal OES has also hired a specialist to assist the review team with these plans.</p>
4.C.32	Use Geographic Information System, social vulnerability index, and other data sources to understand the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities, including people experiencing homelessness.	<p>The DEI office is working with Cal OES GIS staff to explore creating a GIS Map that would incorporate data on social vulnerability and disaster risks.</p> <p>Staff completing training to support the development and on-going implementation of data mapping.</p>
5.B.17	Update the Listos California Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness. Provide disaster coordination resources and tools to support and encourage local communities to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness before, during, and after disasters. Disseminate these resources to subrecipients, local CBOs, Continuums of Care, and Tribal entities through technical assistance and training opportunities.	<p>Listos California Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness is available on the Cal OES website. Currently, reviewing to determine the need to update the guide, including making available in other languages, if feasible and needed.</p>

Section 3: Other Program Updates

On May 12, 2025, Cal OES announced the 2024-25 Listos California Grant Program awards. This funding will provide \$7.75 million to thirty-one (31) awardees that include five (5) tribal entities and twenty-six (26) nonprofits. This funding continues emergency preparedness support for vulnerable communities which is sorely needed due to California's intense and complex natural disasters, including the recent devastating Los Angeles fires.

Cal OES is in the planning stage for the 2025-26 Listos California Grant Program. Funding levels are anticipated to remain at \$7.75

California Health & Human Services Agency (CHHS)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
1.A.6	Expand utilization of Mainstream vouchers to meet the needs of non-elderly Californians with disabilities who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	
1.B.14	Strengthen the alignment of the State's health care and housing responses to better serve people with complex care needs.	
1.B.22	Strengthen connections to shelter, housing, and safety net programs for immigrants, including newcomer populations, through increased coordination of immigrant integration efforts. Include opportunities to expand services tailored to the needs of immigrants (e.g. legal services) and ensuring equitable access to services and resources.	
1.C.35	Support Proposition 1 and Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) implementation by collaborating across state departments and agencies, providing coordinated guidance, engaging partners, monitoring implementation and outcomes, and supporting coordination of health, behavioral health, and housing resources at the local level.	CalHHS held the Behavioral Health Task Force meeting August 13 th and discussed Transforming Behavioral Health highlighting Housing as Health, provided BHSA implementation updates by DHCS, CDPH, and HCAI and an update from state partners on the Community Planning Process from the Commission on Behavioral Health, California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions, and the California Behavioral Health Planning Council.
2.A.2	Facilitate CARE Act working group to support implementation efforts to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely	CHHS continues to hold and facilitate CARE Act working groups and most recently met on May 21 st where they held an implementation updates panel, discussed CARE and the role of public guardians and public conservators,

	impaired Californians, including people experiencing homelessness.	provided an update on the CARE Act ad hoc groups. The next CARE Act working group meeting will be held August 27 th , 2025.
2.B.20	Continue to collaborate with participating state and local partners to support CalAIM implementation to strengthen the connection between housing, health, and human services, while leveraging other federal, state, and local resources.	
2.B.21	Better align State-funded housing projects with local Homelessness Response Systems and their referral processes to improve access for people exiting homelessness.	
2.B.23	Create public-facing Technical Assistance documents that provide guidance to help navigate housing and health connections, including Behavioral Health Services Act resources.	
3.A.9	Provide adequate payment to individuals with lived experience when seeking their expertise and prevent any financial hardship that may result from changes in state-administered benefits.	
4.A.3	Combine HDIS and Health and Human Services data to understand connections between homelessness and health services, and to help monitor the goals of the Action Plan. Expand the number of participating departments.	The CalHHS Center of for Data Insights and Innovation is continuing to work towards integrating data sets.
4.C.18	Develop a data-based methodology for better identifying households at risk of experiencing homelessness. Measure those at risk of experiencing homelessness within specific social safety net programs (e.g. Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, etc.) to understand how those programs contribute to prevention of homelessness.	

California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
CalHFA Board of Directors Meeting	September 18, 2025	
CalHFA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting	September 18, 2025	

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program: Project sponsors, who must have development financing from one of the state's housing agencies, apply for 20-year renewable project-based rental assistance funding to house Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities, ages 18-61, who have resided in a long-term health care facility and desire to return to community living, or are homeless, or are at risk of institutionalization or homelessness.	The PRA 811 Round IV NOFA was published on the CalHFA website on December 27, 2024. Applications were accepted from January 30 to April 30, 2025. The NOFA is now closed due to oversubscription and CalHFA is no longer accepting applications.
1.A.11	Continue the implementation of the National Mortgage Settlement Counseling program as a prevention strategy to help keep people in their homes and provide greater opportunity for people to stay housed and explore other service options as the opportunity arises.	Program is still ongoing, here's the most recent quarterly update. NMS Quarterly Update
2.A.19	Implement an advocacy plan for the Joint State Legislative Resolution of the federal Affordable Housing Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2023. Highlight the impact of federal housing programs and urge Congress to lower the 50% test to 25%.	CalHFA, along with its sister housing agencies, have continued to advocate for improvements to LIHTC, which has been successful given the federal reconciliation bill which passed in July that lowers the 50% test and will allow for more tax credits in the market.
2.C.30	Convene a working group, in alignment with AB 519 (Schiavo, chapter 742, statutes of 2023), to develop and report policy recommendations to implement a single consolidated application and	These efforts are underway between various housing agencies, but the impending governmental reorganization of the housing agency will likely impact the outcome of this work.

	coordinated review process for affordable housing resources.	
2.C.31	Implement Memorandum of Understanding, in compliance with AB 2006 (Berman, chapter 646, statutes of 2022), to facilitate the collaborative coordination and development of processes to streamline compliance monitoring for housing developments where two or more agencies are involved.	Following the executed MOU in July 2024 and amended MOU in November 2024, the multiagency team recently finalized an Interagency Agreement to specify compliance monitoring requirements and agreements. As departments gear up for governmental reorganization of the housing agency, the teams are looking for ways to coordinate and align, particularly around AB 519.
3.B.13	Conduct Tribal consultations and roundtable discussions to identify opportunities to improve Tribal communities' access to programs.	CalHFA conducted two listening sessions in Sacramento and San Diego. Working on third session in the Northern CA area.
3.B.14	Expand culturally competent outreach to ensure access to State-funded housing programs across racial, ethnic, gender, geographic, and affordability demographics, including with Tribal communities.	CalHFA set up an Underserve Community Committee to create and implement targeted outreach efforts to underserved communities.
4.B.13	Analyze time between funding approval and occupancy dates for CalHFA projects. Identify barriers to project completion.	No update

Section 3: Other Program Updates

CalHFA has launched the [Cal Assist Mortgage Fund Program](#) to help California homeowners who are currently displaced due to a California disaster such as the Los Angeles wildfires or floods. It provides much-needed relief from mortgage payments for displaced families for 3 months, up to a maximum of \$20,000. The funds never have to be repaid, and it is free to apply.

California Workforce Development Board (CWDB)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Program	NOFA Release Date	Application Due Date	Available, Funding	Eligible Applicants	Additional Information/Contact Info
HIRE	Fall 2025	TBD	\$10M	Current HIRE recipients	Support to Reentry

Event	Date	Notes
Appointment of new Chief Deputy Director	July 2025	Joelle Ball
Assistant Deputy Director of Workforce Policy	Announced August 2025, swearing in September 2025	Michael Wiafi

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference	Activity	Update
Strategic Investment	Helping Justice Involved Reenter Employment (HIRE): Integrates workforce and reentry services and to promote equity and create economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals through partnerships with community-based organizations with demonstrated success in serving the reentry population.	Legislators approved new funding ~\$10M in 2025-2026 budget
Strategic Investment	Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative: Supplements existing workforce and education programs by providing services to ensure the success of individuals either preparing to enter or already enrolled in workforce and education programs.	

Strategic Investment	High Road Training Partnerships Resilient Workforce Fund Program: Funds training partnerships with high-road employers to directly increase the number of skilled workers from underserved populations in high-quality jobs in priority sectors.	Current applications being scored
Strategic Investment	Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative: Integrates workforce and reentry services in all of California’s labor regions and promotes equity and creates economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals.	
1.B.27	Work with Caltrans for targeted hires in High Road Construction Careers and their projects via a Project Labor Agreement and/or Community Work Agreements and prioritize reentry and homeless populations.	
1.B.28	Explore options for funding LWDBs to enroll people staying in shelters, or accessing other homelessness services, into job training and education.	
2.A.12	Create partnerships with Local Workforce Development Areas and Jobs First Regions to provide employment and career training opportunities for Veterans.	Current Road Shows happening throughout CA at Jobs First Regions
2.A.18	Create partnerships with State agencies to support “pre-entry” for justice-involved people to access employment and/or job training to find housing and mitigate a return to experiencing homelessness and recidivism.	In discussion with CDCR
2.C.35	Develop collaborative workforce guidance, best practices, and potential training provider lists with DOR in support of people with disabilities.	
3.B.18	Develop new relationships and partnerships with Tribal Nations to begin development of workforce training programs.	
3.C.30	Coordinate service delivery by identifying best practices, training opportunities, and peer-to-	

	peer connections between the Local Workforce Development Boards	
4.B.17	Track and report California Workforce Development Board program data for people experiencing homelessness, including participants served, career services provided, credentials received, and successful employment placements. Gather regional data on training and employment using input from the Jobs First High Road Training Collaborative.	In process
5.C.28	Develop policies to incorporate employment centers into state-funded housing programs, including both interim and permanent housing.	